

DIRIGIBLE COMMANDER'S BODY FOUND IN SEA

President Coolidge Resents Tactics of E. Y. Clarke

Poland Resents U. S. Raid On Minister's Liquor

Administration Will Not Mix In Squabble Of Klan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Coolidge will decline to be drawn into the national controversy in the Klan, and he and other leaders resent the tactics of E. Y. Clarke, a conference with Coolidge will be suggested by Clarke, who claims to have documents substantiating the charges.

STREET SWEEPER GOES TO WORK TO IMPROVE MEXIA

For some time there has been a feeling of dissatisfaction in the city of Mexia, Tex., over the condition of the streets. The city council has decided to employ a street sweeper to improve the city. The first sweepings were made yesterday morning. The city council has also decided to employ a street sweeper to improve the city. The first sweepings were made yesterday morning.

Martin Says Texas Ready For A Big Centennial Now

Gov. James E. Ferguson, chairman of the Centennial Commission, today announced that Texas is ready for the big centennial celebration. He said that the state is in a position to give the world a memorable celebration. The commission has been working hard to make the centennial a success.

THE WEATHER
The weather is generally clear and cool. There is a slight chance of rain on Saturday. The temperature will be in the 40s and 50s.

OSTRACISED FOR BEFRIENDING YOUTH.



Jeanette Lawrence, Francis Kluxen, and Monell Sayre.

In 1922 Francis Kluxen, 30, then only 15, son of good parents in Madison, N. J., was tried and acquitted by a jury on the charge of brutally murdering Jeanette Lawrence, 11, whose mutilated body was found near the town. Townspeople made life terrible for the youth after his acquittal. Shortly after he was freed Monell Sayre, of Convent Station, N. J., wealthy New York banker and secretary of the pension fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church, adopted the boy. This has just been revealed because a faction in the Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, of Madison, of which Sayre is a vestryman, has ostracized him for taking the lad into the church, and has ordered him never to do so again. The boy's innocence having been proved, Mr. Sayre, whose family has been prominent in New Jersey since 1650, refuses to turn against him.

Texas Company Leads Boost In Prices Of Oil

An era of better feeling has opened in the oil fields of the southwest with the close of the old year. This feeling prevails throughout the Mexican district especially, because of an advance in crude oil prices, which as far as income from petroleum is considered, means more than an increase of production. Registering a second material advance in some districts within two weeks' time, crude oil prices in five Southwestern States, the heaviest producing section of the midcontinent territory, Thursday took a climb ranging from 15c to 25c a barrel. In one instance the price was 10c a barrel, the long the result of a change in the schedule for Oklahoma and Kansas crude and affecting only that oil trading over 30 and under 40 gravity. The new upward movement of crude prices was initiated by the Texas Company, which announced its schedule of increase at Houston, Tulsa, Shreveport, Wichita Falls, Breckenridge, Corsicana, and other points early Thursday morning, and by the Magnolia Petroleum Company. Shortly before noon the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and the advances posted and raised the rate 10c a barrel on crude grade, the Humble price on crude being 21.25 as against \$1.25 a barrel announced by the Texas Company. Affects Five States. Producing fields affected by the increase include those of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana and Arkansas. While the increases posted are in the main, minor some difference is found in the new prices for the lower grades of oil in the Texas Company and the Magnolia Petroleum Company. A 5c increase on account of a difference in price in grading. The Texas Company's schedule lists all crude below 28 gravity at 20c a barrel. The Magnolia's schedule shows three grades of oil below 28 gravity on which different quotations are fixed. The Magnolia's new price on crude

NOTED OIL MAN AND FAMILY VISIT HERE

W. R. Boyd, Jr., and wife and son, Bill, of New York City, are spending the Christmas holidays with J. K. Hughes, Jesse McLehman and Jack Womack and families. Mr. Boyd is manager of the American Petroleum Institute.

The investigation of the Mayfield case will be made the vehicle for airing the "inside" story of the Klan, supporters of Coolidge claimed.

under 28 gravity is 50c, a 10c increase. On oil of 28 to 30.9 gravity the new price is 75c, a 15c increase, and on crude of 31 to 32.9 gravity the new price is 90c a barrel, a 15c increase. A 15c increase is fixed by the Magnolia on grades of crude from 33 to 39 gravity and the increase on crude of 39 gravity and above is 10c a barrel. Mexico crude is increased 25c a barrel and Corsicana light 25c a barrel, while Corsicana heavy shows a 10c increase. Announcement of the Magnolia's new prices was made by W. C. Proctor, treasurer of the company. The new prices are for Texas and became effective at 7 o'clock Thursday morning.

Second Price Increase. This second boost in crude oil prices in Texas within such a short time is taken by oil producers as a verification of the forecasts that have been made for some time regarding better times for the industry during the new year. The jump in prices is expected to spur on activities in producing sections activities that have been quiet for some time on account of the low prices available for production. Wildcatting is expected to be resumed soon at the coming of the new year as the result of this upward movement. Reports from some sections indicate increased activity almost simultaneous with the announcement of the new prices.

The new schedule of the Magnolia Company, following the new prices quoted by that company Dec. 15, is as follows:

Under 28 gravity 50c a barrel, 10c increase; 28 to 30.9 gravity, 75c, a 15c increase; 31 to 32.9 gravity 90c, a 15c increase; 33 to 35.9 gravity \$1.15, a 15c increase; 36 to 38.9 gravity \$1.30, a 15c increase; 39 gravity and over \$1.40 a 10c increase; Mexico crude \$1.25, a 25c increase; Corsicana light \$1.25, a 25c increase; Corsicana heavy 50c, a 10c increase; Corsicana crude \$1.25.

Fishermen Find Victim Off The Sicilian Coast

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)
PARIS, Dec. 28.—The body of Captain Du Plexis de Grenada, commander of the ill-fated French naval dirigible Dixmude, was found by fishermen in the Mediterranean Sea off the Sicilian coast, it was officially announced today. The Sicilians came upon the commander's body as it floated in the sea some six miles off the little town of Saccra, near Gurgenti. Prayers found in the pockets served to identify it. Whether Captain De Grenada had leaped overboard from the Dixmude, or whether he and the forty-nine others who sailed on the dirigible from Cues-Picreffeau ten days ago were carried down in a crash, was not at first made clear. French warships were ordered immediately to patrol the waters between Tunis and the Sicilian coast in the fear that others of the Dixmude's crew may have been drowned and their bodies carried there in the storms of last week-end. Announcement of the finding of Captain De Grenada's body comes at a moment when false hopes had been raised by reports from Insalah, an oasis in the Sahara desert, told of the Dixmude having been seen south of there as late as Wednesday last. Native tribesmen were reported to have ridden 200 kilometers across the desert to report the "big bird" in the sky, to the French commander at Insalah and airplanes were immediately sent to the spot.

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Gorilla Like Strangler Is Accused Of Killing Six

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"Before she could scream I grabbed her. Then I saw she had recognized me and I put my hand around her neck and choked her until she was dead."

Frank Benner, former chef at the reconstruction hospital, in jail today for the murder of Estelle Phillips, calmly told police of the murder of the saleswoman. "I just can't help myself when the impulse comes," he said. "I have to do it." "Miss Phillips' room was on the fourth floor in the rear of the house, next to mine. At midnight, or soon after, on Oct. 11, I crept to her door. It was locked. I forced it open." Police attributed six deaths to the gorilla-like strangler. They say he admitted an attack on Mrs. May Mitchell at Chestnut Hill, a suburb of Philadelphia, Dec. 5, and several robberies.

TELEGRAPH COMPANY SENDS MANY YULE MESSAGES

According to S. E. Tabor, local manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company, Christmas was a very busy period with the force at the telegraph offices here. Hundreds of telegrams, conveying the season's greetings were sent out by wire, he says, oil field workers and operators joining in with the great numbers who thought kindly of the folks back home.

We fancy by the time all the taxes are paid on January 31, "Old Taxpayer" will be knocking at the door of the press with a few remarks.



Woodrow Wilson, int.

EX-PRES. WILSON GETS LOTS OF BIRTHDAY BUNDLES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Many bundles of telegrams and letters were received by Woodrow Wilson on his 77th birthday. A few friends called to pay their respects. Mr. Wilson's health as he approaches the three score years and ten mark is described as "doing well, but probably will never do any better."

Blame For Death Of Three Laid On Mesmerist

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—Blame for the death of three persons shot to death by a policeman of Sebenico while under hypnotic influence of Professor Langster, was placed on the latter by the attorneys for the policeman. If tried for murder the policeman will argue that the mesmerist is solely responsible. Langster's defense will be that the policeman was not hypnotized at all, but that he was drunk and merely feigned hypnotism.

NEW TEST TO GO DOWN RAPIDLY SAYS ROSS

Phil Ross of Ross and Green states that the test which he is putting down between Mexico and Wortham and just east of the S. P. tracks is now down around 300 feet, the surface casing has been set and drilling will proceed rapidly hereafter. The test is being made with much confidence inspired by showings in another test he drilled recently about a mile northwest of the present location on the Hackney tract.

A VAST DIFFERENCE

Asked as to how valuable the increase in price of crude from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per barrel was to the J. K. Hughes interest, Mr. Hughes stated that the advance was worth around \$75,000 per month under present conditions. A difference of 25 cents in price of crude is sufficient to make or break many a company, oil men arrest.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—The Mexican Senate, by a vote of 42 to 5, ratified the special claims convention with the United States.

John McElroy and Marvin Woolton went to Groesbeck and Waco on business Thursday.

E. L. Smith Oil Company Has Two Wells On Sand

According to Blake Smith of the E. L. Smith Oil Company, the company expects to add two more producers to its production list by the end of this or the first of the coming week. One is a shallow well and the other a Woodbine depth well.

Casing has been set on the E. L. Smith Oil Company's Ramsey 5, which is the shallow operation. Casing for oil and setting of casing were at a depth of 1,550 feet. The company's Cerf 1 is setting casing at around 2350.

Mr. Smith was elated over the increase in price of crude, which means from \$38,000 to \$10,000 per month for the company with its present production.

Day Says That Business Is On Boom in County

Business is on a boom. County Clerk, J. L. Day told the Newsman Thursday. The outlook for 1924 is a promising one, he stated and things in general are beginning to point toward a prosperous year to relieve a great deal of the depression that has hampered activity in the business world for the past months.

He added that some wildcatting is still going on with possibilities for more pay production in the oil industry.

JACK MELTON, WHERE ARE YOU, BOY?

Does anyone know Jack Melton, an oil field worker. His mother, Mrs. J. M. Melton of Corsicana, is very anxious to locate him. Anyone knowing him, please notify him of his mother's concern at this Christmas season, which is quite cheerless for her during her worries over his whereabouts.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—William Butler, campaign manager for President Coolidge, will be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States Senator to oppose Senator Walsh, Democratic incumbent, it is announced.

Investigation Is To Be Made Concerning Seizure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Poland, through its minister, has made representations to the State Department concerning the interference of Washington police with the private liquor supply of the Polish diplomatic attaché here, is learned. Secretary Hughes said the State Department would make a thorough investigation of the reported occurrence, it is understood. Police are reported to have seized the liquor on the ground that it was a much larger supply than was necessary for the attaché.

Tax Assessor Says Register Car Now And Avoid Rush

"Register your car now and avoid the rush" said a sign upon the door of the tax assessor's office and quite a number of applicants for licenses were taking advantage of the opportunity. They came and went in a steady stream and half a dozen clerks were kept constantly busy waiting upon them. The new regulations concerning the registering of motor vehicles is giving some car owners difficulty in classifying their cars and this throws some extra work upon those beyond that registration seemed to charged with issuing the license but move smoothly.

UNOFFICIAL RETURNS BOND ELECTION SATURDAY, DEC. 29

From Fairfield Recorder: Following are returns from Million Dollar Road Bond election last Saturday. We do not vouch for their absolute correctness, but they are near correct as we can make them at time of going to press:

	For	Ag.
Fairfield	374	91
Kirven	10	89
Shanks	18	4
Stewards Mill	58	5
Young	11	8
Teague	608	63
Dew	14	69
Donie	25	27
Wortham	228	41
Freestone	7	65
Streetman	25	55
Cotton Gin	39	12
Concord	7	6
Cottonwood	1	14
Luna	1	17
Cedar	6	32
Butler	26	6
St. Elmo	9	10
Trinity Chapel	17	0
Lanely	2	14

Total 1490 624
No report received from New Hope.
No election held at Liberty.

KENNEDY GOES OVER ALL HIGHWAYS

John Kennedy, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, stated this afternoon that he has already gone over all the highways in his precinct since the bad weather subsided and the grader was this afternoon going over the Mexia-Groesbeck road. He has worked fast and thus saved the roads from considerable wear, making it much easier to travel over them to the oil fields.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 28.—Governor Neff conferred with J. L. Schleimer, special representative of President Obregon, but the conference discussions were not made public. Schleimer, who came direct from Mexico City, refused to make public his mission.

STILL THEY COME

Romatic History Of Laredo Augmented By Oil Industry

By HARRY FANSLER

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 28.—On the carpeted plains, where less than a century ago the red man was the sole of civilization; where later came the cattle and the horse thieves to menace the peace of those seeking to propagate the spread of civilization, even to the frontier along the Rio Grande; where later the law abiding ranchman with his herds of cattle, horses, sheep, goats and other livestock engaged in that peaceful husbandry that provided recompense for their labors; where the old historic Los Ojuelos ranch, which was for years the domain over which the ancestors of Eusebio Garcia, the present owner in fee, made the headquarters of hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile grazing land; this, the oil man has invaded, and today instead of gamboling his stock to the yelping of coyotes throughout the nearby arroyos, the hum of the rotary drill is to be heard. An oil field has replaced the historic old cattle ranch and the present owners no longer worry about the price beef will bring on the hoof, having in some cases more than 100 producing oil wells on their property.

During the past two and one-half years, tremendous strides have been made in the oil development work in this district which has resulted in the completion of 2-3 producing oil wells and 31 gas wells. Several pipe lines to carry the production have been laid, the longest of which is owned by the Texas Pipe Line company and extends from the Miranda Valley pool (discovery pool) to the railroad at Miranda City, a distance of nearly 14 miles. This line has a capacity of 7,000 barrels daily. The Laredo Oil company, Corrosion Producing and Refining company, which pool oil company and the Magnolia Petroleum company now have their own pipe lines which extend from their production to the loading racks at Miranda City. Recently the Magnolia Petroleum company laid a line to the Aviator pool, having purchased the output of several companies operating in that pool.

The Laredo oil and gas pools are located in the eastern portion of Webb and Zapata counties along a low ridge of hills commonly called an escarpment which extends across both counties for a distance of about 80 miles and along which are to be found the following: Leaseholders, Carolina, Texas, Miranda City, Reiser, Bruni, several wells were drilled by the Zapata Producing and Refining company which produced about five barrels per day each, but due to the extreme distance from railroad transportation, it was found to be unprofitable to place on the market. Several companies entered this district during the spring of 1920 and drilled in different localities in both Webb and Zapata counties, but nothing of consequence was discovered until the Miranda Oil company, headed by O. K. Killam, encountered oil at the depth of 1430 feet in the first test drilled in the northeastern corner of Zapata county. This test was lost, as was the case of No. 2 by the same company, and it was not until April, 1921, that No. 3 was brought in as a producing oil well with a daily production of about 50 barrels. This well definitely established the fact that oil in commercial quantities existed in the Laredo district, and a drilling campaign was started immediately.

About this time a company was organized, composed mostly of businessmen of the city of Laredo, called the Laredo Oil company and acreage was secured along and to the north of the Texas Mexican railroad and made a location and commenced the drilling of its No. 1 test which is located just east of where the city of Miranda now stands. A very rich sand was encountered at the depth of 1665 feet after which the well came in as what

every one thought was a gusher well, but which later developed water trouble and was finally abandoned. The next well drilled by this company was considered one of the best in the field and today is making, according to reports, around 200 barrels of oil each day.

Pocket gophers living near Los Angeles today show no appreciable difference from the fossil gopher which lived in California 200,000 years ago.

GOLLIWOGG REVUE

Saturday, December 29th, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. the pupils of Miss Beeson and Miss Walters will give the Golliwogg Revue at the High School auditorium. Proceeds will go to the High School Library. Admission 25c and 35c.

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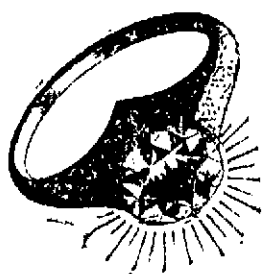
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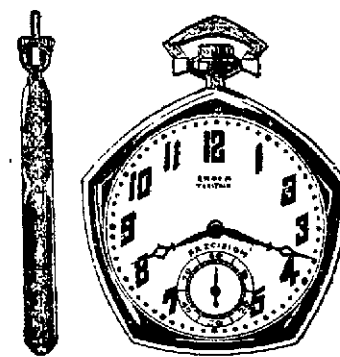
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- A Diamond weighing .10-100 karat of fine brilliancy and cutting, handsomely set in an 18 karat white gold mounting. \$50 value. Now at half price \$25.00
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- Session clocks, 8 day and striker, mahogany finish. \$15.00 value. Now at half price \$7.50
- “Flyer” Alarm clocks, \$1.50 value. Half Price \$75c
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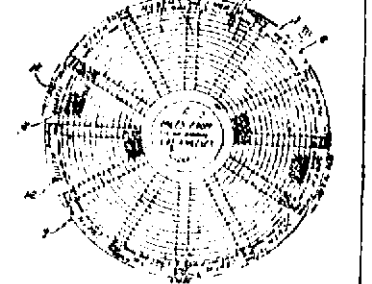
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1,478,276. NIGHT AND DAY AUTO SHADE. Joseph W. Foley, Los Angeles, Calif.



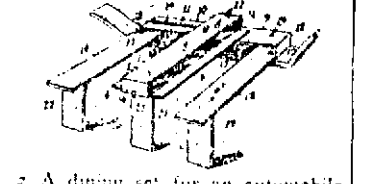
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1,477,801. MILEAGE CHART. Frank William Bacon, Los Angeles, Calif.



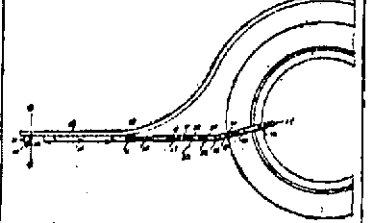
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1,477,812. AUTOMOBILE DINING OUTFIT. Burleigh N. Crockett, Ayer, Mass.



2. A dining set for an automobile having a running board, comprising an elongated table pivotally supported at one end by said running board, an elongated seat pivotally supported at one end by said running board, and movable supports for the free ends of said table and seat, whereby the table and seat can be disposed at right angles to the running board, or swung about and superimposed parallel therewith.

1,477,929. AUTOMOBILE WHEEL LOCK. Harry Barnett, Helena, Mont.



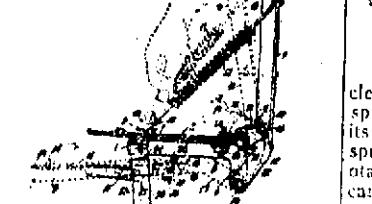
1. Means for locking automobile wheels comprising a supporting member adapted to be attached beneath the running board of the machine, a wheel rim and tire embracing member including pivoted jaws, and means for locking them clamped upon a tire and wheel rim, and a plurality of pivoted sections, one of said sections being pivoted to the supporting member and the section at the opposite end being pivoted to the jaws, two of said sections overlapping each other and having sliding engagement with each other.

62,595. AUTOMOBILE SIGNAL. William Thomas, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.



The ornamental design for an automobile signal as shown.

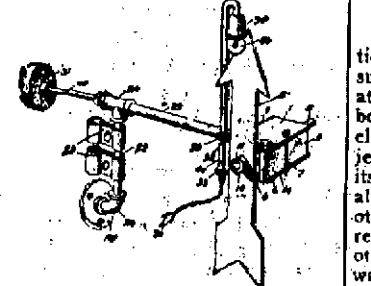
1,478,304. LUGGAGE CARRIER. Richard C. Stewart, Covington, Ky.



2. In a luggage carrier, a luggage-retaining element having a pivot at its lower edge on which it is mounted to swing upright along the edge of a vehicle luggage-receiving part, engaging means over near the opposite edge of said vehicle part, and a tension spring connected to an upper part of said luggage-retaining element near

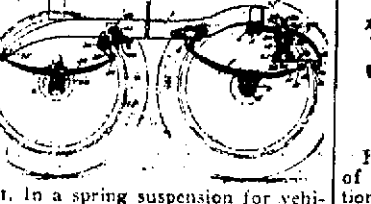
one end thereof, to be connected with said engaging means across said vehicle part, for holding said element upright with a part near said pivot engaged tightly against the vehicle part, to prevent rattling of the parts, and forming luggage-retaining means at said end of said element.

1,478,174. DIRECTION SIGNAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLES. Thos. E. Clark, Grand Rapids, Mich.



1. In a construction of the class described, a horizontal rotatably mounted shaft, a casing through which the shaft passes, supporting means for the casing, adapted to be secured to a motor vehicle, an indicating arrow attached to the front end of the shaft in front of the casing, a notched disk on the shaft, and a spring bar mounted in the casing, being secured at one end and having a free end portion bearing against the disk for holding the arrow in any one of a plurality of positions to which it may be turned on rotation of the shaft, substantially as described.

1,477,959. SHOCK ABSORBER. Robert D. Hughes, Lynchburg, Va.



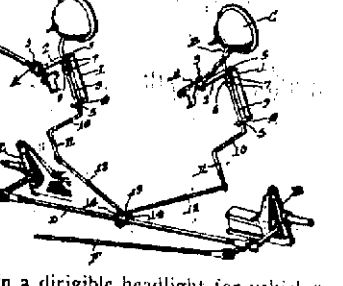
1. In a spring suspension for vehicles, a semi-elliptic spring, a cantilever spring, a lever mounted intermediate its ends on one end of the semi-elliptic spring, one end of the lever being pivotally connected to the free end of the cantilever spring, a socket on the other end of the lever, a coil spring having one end seated in the socket, a yoke straddling a resilient portion of the cantilever spring, a socket member suspended from the yoke, with the other end of the coil spring mounted in the socket member, and a clamping means on the yoke engaging the cantilever spring for locking the yoke in position on the cantilever spring.

1,477,781. VEHICLE TOP. Joseph Galamb, Detroit, Mich., assignor to Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Mich., a Corporation of Delaware



In an automobile top, the combination with a rear main bow, separated supporting elements disposed thereon at different heights, a rear supporting bow pivoted to the upper supporting element on said main bow and projecting upwardly and outwardly from its point of connection, a pair of parallel forwardly extending bars pivoted to said supporting bow at their rear ends, a front supporting bow pivoted intermediate its ends to said forwardly extending bars, said front supporting bow at its rear end having a detachable connection selectively with the rear supporting bow or the lower supporting element on said rear main bow, and a forward top supporting bow pivoted to the ends of said forwardly extending bars.

1,478,001. DIRIGIBLE HEADLIGHT FOR AUTOMOBILES. Augustus C. Duke, Cedartown, Ga., assignor of one-half to James M. Burke, Cedartown, Ga.



In a dirigible headlight for vehicles of the class described, the combination of a supporting arm comprising a forwardly projecting portion, a rearwardly turned portion, and a rearwardly bent portion, said arm having aligned orifices in its parallel portions, a headlight standard swivel mounted in said supporting arm, a vertically disposed spool link affixed to said standard, a vertically disposed bent rod swivel mounted in the rearwardly bent portion of the supporting arm and affixed to the aforesaid spool link, a link attached to the lower end of the bent rod, and a clamp to which the other end of the link is swivel attached, said clamp being secured to a steering element of the vehicle.

VOLUME OF MAIL HERE GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE

According to Isidore Newman, postmaster here, Mexia had a greater volume of mail, incoming and outgoing, this past week than ever in the history of Mexia. He stated that not even when the oil boom was at its peak and when there were 25,000 people here did the office have such a business. The parcel post business was much heavier than last year. Six truck loads of packages were delivered last Sunday in order to relieve the crowded condition at the federal building and in line with the expeditious manner of handling Christmas mail. The need for a new federal building is apparent to every citizen and is more emphasized by the huge business done at this time than ever before.

According to mail clerks on the trains passing through here, Mexia outgoing mail, parcels and packages, were put up better than any mail received at any station on the lines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Landrum have returned from Waco where they were called Sunday to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. W. F. Landrum. Mr. Landrum states that she is some better, which bit of news will be cheering to their friends.

You are not giving God all the praise for your good fortune if you are keeping all the money for yourself.—Houston Post.

BIG SPRING.—New building under construction for Stokes Motor Company.

WAXAHACHIE.—66 miles of highway in Ellis district being rebuilt at cost of \$75,000.

Rain Stops Drill At Nacogdoches

NACOGDOCHES, Dec. 28.—Continued rains for the past two weeks have made all roads leading to the oil fields impassable and has stopped drilling until after the holidays. The Producers Association, drilling on the Matthews tract in the heart of the shallow field 15 miles southeast of town, and the Southwestern Petroleum Company's No. 1, drilling two miles North of Garrison are to resume drilling as soon as weather and roads permit.

A statement is credited as having been made at Dallas recently by Col. A. E. Humphreys of Denver, discoverer of the Mexia field that the Nacogdoches field was one of the promising new fields in Texas, has created much enthusiasm here.

Fastest Run On Record Made By Lincoln Auto

A Lincoln car is credited with the fastest run on record between police headquarters at South Bend, Ind., and the state house at Indianapolis. The trip of 155.7 miles was made in 165 minutes, an average of close to a mile a minute despite frequent stop-downs in cities and towns along the way and occasional pauses and stops due to traffic and road conditions.

The car was commandeered by Chief of Police Laurence J. Lane recently in order to secure the governor's signature on extradition papers which were urgently needed.

W. W. Farrar, Lincoln sales manager W. R. Hinkle, Inc., South Bend Ford dealers, piloted the car on the flying trip to the capitol.

Valuable Manual For Oil and Gas Operations Out

A valuable and interesting pamphlet entitled "Manual For Oil & Gas Operations" has been recently issued by the Bureau of Mines. The pamphlet is of such an instructive nature that the Association endeavored to secure a copy for each member, but the Bureau informed us of the impossibility of supplying that number stating, however, that they will take care of those individuals who wish to send in to them for same.

A partial list of the contents are as follows: Prevention of losses in oil and gas production; Methods for determining sources of water; Methods for excluding water from oil and gas sands; Use of cement in oil and gas wells; Prevention of waste during drilling in and waste from wild wells; Abandonment of oil and gas wells; Methods of reducing the amount of gas produced with oil; Losses during pulling and cleaning out; Preventing and extinguishing oil fires, and many other valuable articles which should be of real interest to the producer.

This pamphlet can be had by writing The Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. and asking for Bulletin 232, entitled "Manual For Oil and Gas Operations."

FOR SALE—Two extra well furnished apartments in well built new bungalow; water furnished, meter for lights and gas; 4 rooms and bath. Nice home for permanent tenant. \$35 per month. 805 East Grayson. Phone 294.

Mrs. W. B. Kendrick and daughter, Miss Christine, visited Mrs. Kendrick's parents, Mayor and Mrs. G. W. Black of Thornton last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Black visited the Kendrick here Thursday afternoon.

Here Are Some Easy Exercises to Strengthen Your Feet:

Suggested by Dr. William M. Scholl.



By WM. M. SCHOLL, M. D.
Foot ailments are the cause of widespread suffering and inefficiency. How to decrease them? Dr. Wm. M. Scholl, great authority on foot hygiene, believes the answer is "Education." He is the author of many works on the human foot, and has long specialized in foot orthopedics.

Every woman desires to have a stand with your feet parallel. Do not toe out when taking this exercise, as by doing so you will throw the weight of the body inward the inner border of the feet, an improper posture which causes strain on the calf muscles and internal lateral ligament. So stand with your feet parallel, rise on tip toes times at first. This exercises not only the strong leg muscles but relieves rigidity in the longitudinal arch and ball of the foot.

2.—Walking on the outer border of the foot.—Of course, with feet parallel. The purpose of this exercise is to relieve the strain on the over-stretched muscles of the inner arch, and to put the contracted muscles of the outer longitudinal arch into motion.

3.—With knees crossed, give foot a circular motion at ankle joint, following the direction of the leg over the knee, extend the toes downward, following the arrow towards the inside. This relieves stiffness of ankle-arch articulation.

4.—Standing on feet, bend toes downward.—Stand on a block of wood or table with toes over the edge, and bend toes downward as far as possible. Toes should be straight ahead, as in this position the body's weight is more evenly distributed over the feet. This exercise is intended for cases of anterior arch depression. At first it may be painful, but by repeated trials it can be performed.

These simple exercises will help to strengthen the foot and leg muscles, and to flex and strengthen weak arches and the feet as a whole. While they are among exercises intended to be used with other aids, they may be used independently by those who desire to maintain their feet in good condition, and who have no advanced foot weakness. In cases of depressed arches or flat-foot it is advisable to temporarily wear surgical plates or arch supports to give the proper correction and stimulate muscular control. Be sure to wear correctly fitted shoes and stockings.

Local News

Ed Allen was in Groesbeck Thursday.

W. T. Church spent the holidays in Dallas.

A. B. Horn of Waco was in Mexia Thursday.

J. M. Kennedy was in Groesbeck on Thursday.

Irvin Webb of Gene Sinclair's spent Christmas in Dallas.

Bird Anderson of Corsicana spent Wednesday in Mexia.

Will McElroy was a business visitor to Groesbeck Thursday.

Hardy Eubanks was a Dallas visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stollenwerk spent Christmas in Terrell.

B. N. Bradley of Corsicana was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith and E. L. Jr., spent Christmas in Terrell.

County Tax Assessor A. B. Bunn was in Mexia Thursday afternoon.

R. F. Babb has returned from Tennessee where he has been on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith have from Carrollton where they spent Christmas.

W. J. Keeling spent Wednesday in Dallas, returning Thursday morning.

Judge Osborne Kennedy went to Groesbeck on the noon train Thursday.

Phil Smith returned Wednesday night from Dallas where he spent Christmas.

E. G. Wise of Dallas was a guest of E. C. Crow at the Rotary luncheon Thursday.

Miss Vivian and Marguerite Franklin are entertaining this afternoon with a bridge party.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sweatt spent Christmas in Weatherford, with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Grant.

Miss Elizabeth Heath of Columbia, S. C., is expected to arrive tonight to be the guest of Miss Clara Blakely.

Rex Forrest spent Christmas with his wife who is in the Scott sanitarium at Dallas. She is reported doing nicely.

Annie Robinson, an old time Mexia boy now living at Burlington, Milam County, came over to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

One Day Clearance Of All Ladies and Misses

COATS

SATURDAY ONLY



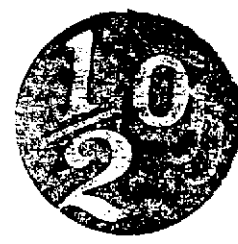
—As a Pre-Inventory offering we are placing our entire stock of Ladies and Misses Winter Coats on sale for one day only. All coats regardless of style, material or desirability will go in this one day event.

HALF PRICE

Children's Coats

SATURDAY ONLY

—This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase Childrens Coats at just about your own price. This event will be a one day affair only. Come in and make your selection early tomorrow morning.



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"THE STORE AHEAD"



Expecting Too Much of Painters

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—The fine points of a painter's art were disclosed here recently when Acting Mayor John C. Harris found he needed an "apostrophe painter."

In placing the curbing signs and street guides on Zang Boulevard here the city sign painters failed to give the proper possessive designation to the name of the street which was given its title in honor of the late J. E. Zang.

Painters now will course the boulevard and make the necessary corrections.

A Fish Story Out Of Usual

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 28.—Here's a real fish story.

Charles Howard who owns a lake near here says that the fish in the pond are so numerous that they block the spillway and prevent the water from flowing through.

Howard placed a wire netting across the spillway. It rained and the water to e. Scores of small fish, trying to go over the spillway got their heads through the holes in the netting but there they stuck. Soon every hole in the netting had a fish in it and the water was unable to flow.

Howard vouchers for this one too.

An Old Recipe To Darken Hair

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded brings back the natural color and luster to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Weeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients at very little cost. Everybody uses this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it, and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time, by morning the gray hair disappears and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.—(Adv.)

New Lamp Burns 94% Air

DEATS ELECTRIC OR GAS

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. Government and leading universities and found to be superior to 10 or 12 ordinary lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise, no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 2 1/2% air and 6% oil per hour (and oil only). The inventor, J. T. Fisher, 809 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill. is offering to send a lamp on 10 days' free trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the lamp and without expenditure of money, save \$250 to \$500 per month.—(Adv.)

NAT'L CITY—Adv. & development starts in a relation to full

HELP KIDNEYS BY DRINKING MORE WATER

Kidney and bladder irritation often result from acidity, says a noted authority. The kidneys help filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it may remain to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread; the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is often one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Begin drinking lots of soft water, also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast. Continue this for two or three days. This will help neutralize the

acids in the system so they no longer are a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs, which then act normal again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by acid irritation. Jad Salts causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink which may quickly relieve your bladder irritation. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.—(Adv.)

Felt Good And Produced More

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—Police seem to have instilled the Christmas spirit in the heart of Abraham Inkovich.

They raided his home and found a gallon of corn. He made bond and returned home.

Shortly afterward he reappeared at the police station and made the copers a Christmas gift of five more gallons of booze which he said "some one placed in my home."

If Skin Breaks Out And Itches Apply Sulphur

Just the moment you apply Mentho-Sulphur to an itching, burning or broken out skin, the itching stops and healing begins, says a noted skin specialist. This sulphur preparation, made into a pleasant cold cream, gives such a quick relief, even to fiery eczema, that nothing has ever been found to take its place.

Because of its germ-destroying properties, it quickly subdues the itching, cools the irritation and heals the eczema right up, leaving a clear, smooth skin in place of ugly eruptions, rash, pimples or roughness.

You do not have to wait for improvement. It quickly shows. You can get a little jar of Rowles Mentho-Sulphur at any drug store.—(Adv.)

KILLED BY ZEBRA'S BITE

VIENNA (United Press).—Beautiful 28-year-old Princess Ella Hohenlohe, formerly Countess Hadik-Barkoczy, wife of the Prince Hubert Hohenlohe, died here as the result of a zebra bite. The princess was strolling through the animal gardens of Budapest with friends. The group stopped before a cage containing zebras. The princess reached her hand through the bars, offering a bite to the nearest zebra. The striped animal bit quickly and sharply, wearing a finger from the princess' hand. Blood poisoning set in and specialists were unable to save her life.

TURKEYS

During the holidays 20c pound dressed. Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Just unloaded car best West Texas eggs. Sawyer Produce Co. Phone 559. 113 N. McKinney. 21-7

Any one wishing a calendar that owns a car and has not received a card we will be glad to give you one if you will call at our No. 1 Station and fill out one of the cards. Mexia Battery and Tire Co., Inc. 18-10

DEATHS

Aat Mexia, Sarah Taylor Jones (colored.) Age 41 years.
At Coolidge, Elias East. Age 83 years.
At Mexia, Bennie Halem. Age 75 years.
At Mexia, Joe Easley (colored.)

Age 52 years.

At Thornton, baby of J. W. Richardson.

At Thornton, baby of A. C. Layton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hunt and children spent Christmas at Columbus Mr. Hunt returning Wednesday.

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Sometimes it pays to go to a bank and borrow money. Sometimes borrowing money is the wisest and most profitable thing in the world to do.

But bankers never employed the slogan, "It pays to borrow."

Rather, they counsel carefully with a man before they advise him to borrow—for his own safety, as well as their own. They do not promote borrowing as something practically sure of success.

Perhaps that is one reason why

bankers have never understood the expression, "It pays to advertise."

Advertising sometimes pays, just as borrowing sometimes pays, just as investment sometimes pays, just as manufacturing sometimes pays.

Advertising is not the sum of all the economic laws. The man who uses advertising must have a different conception of it than as something that is sure to pay.

That is what advertising agencies are for—to keep men from believing things about advertising that are not true.

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11 acres land in Eastern part of town on pike—not rented.

7-room house, McKinney and Milam.

38 acres land 3 miles northeast of town—not rented.

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2-story house on Milam St.

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Houses and lots in all parts of town.

Jesse McLendon
Phone 1

GIANTS TO GO AFTER STARS NEXT YEAR

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Babe Ruth, Rogers Hornsby and a number of other star ball players probably will be invited to join the New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox, when John McGraw takes them to Europe next fall.

Following the suggestion of John A. Heydler, president of the National League, it may be that McGraw's plan will be altered and instead of the Giants and the White Sox a team of picked stars from the National and American Leagues will be sent on the tour.

Believing that Europeans should be shown the best of all the players it is certain that Ruth and Hornsby will be asked to go and Eddie Roush, Harry Heilmann and other leading players will also be invited.

McGraw has become so steamed up with the prospects of missionary work that he is figuring not only on taking two teams to Australia after the 1929 pennant races but he had an idea that he might be able to promote a regular league in Australia.

He has given the plan some thought and he believes he could interest enough players in the proposition to go to Australia and keep a league going until native talent was developed to organize several teams.

McGraw's plans for the European trip next fall will have to be approved by Commissioner Landis and it is understood that the advisory council will be asked to pass upon the proposition.

There is no doubt that Landis will not only approve the trip but that he will do some pushing himself. McGraw wants to take the commissioner on the trip with him.

Heydler, the National League president, has given his approval and even if Ben Johnson objects he will be

downed by a vote on all points. Johnson might try to stop American League players from going but his experience in testing the authority of the commission is so recent and so painful that he may keep quiet even if he doesn't like it.

HOW TO GET PROMOTED

Go to work and forget the clock. To be paid more, more than you are paid for.

Look to your job but also beyond it. Command attention because of the attention you give your job.

Read everything you can buy, beg or borrow relative to your business.

Give your employer the benefit of your brains even if you think you are being paid only for the work of your hands.

Get ready for your promotion before you see the remotest possibility of being promoted.

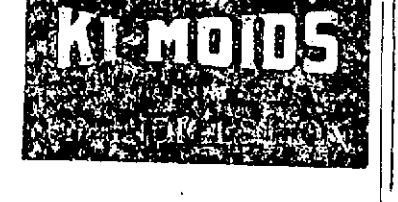
Fall in love with your work and if you can't find it in your heart to do so, get another job.

GOLLIWOGG REVUE

Saturday, December 29th, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. the pupils of Miss Beeson and Miss Walters will give the Golliwogg Revue at the High School auditorium. Proceeds will go to the High School Library. Admission 25c and 35c.

Building permits issued in 25 representative cities during first ten months this year total \$1,899,391,912 against \$1,812,976,968 for entire 1922 period and \$1,488,892,855 for first 10 months of 1922.

LAREDO.—Work on street paving is rushed.



NEW YEAR MASQUERADE BALL

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31
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To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Tabor, of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Elza Price Markham of Mexia a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Kitley of Mexia a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elton Norville of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Matthew Hardie of Kosse a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Jackson of Thornton a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bradley of Thornton a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. James G. Murphy of Groesbeck a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. Claude Oscar Long of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Manning of Thornton a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. T. Jefferson Taylor of Kosse a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Simmons of Personville a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Richardson of Personville a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sims of Personville a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Everett Story of Coolidge a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Horton of Mexia a girl.

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To Tom Spivy and wife (col.) of Thornton a girl.
To David C. Brown and wife (col.) of Tehuacana a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Herring of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Ingram of Groesbeck a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Killingsworth of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. R. Alvey of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Battle of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Richardson of Bishop, Texas a girl at Thornton.

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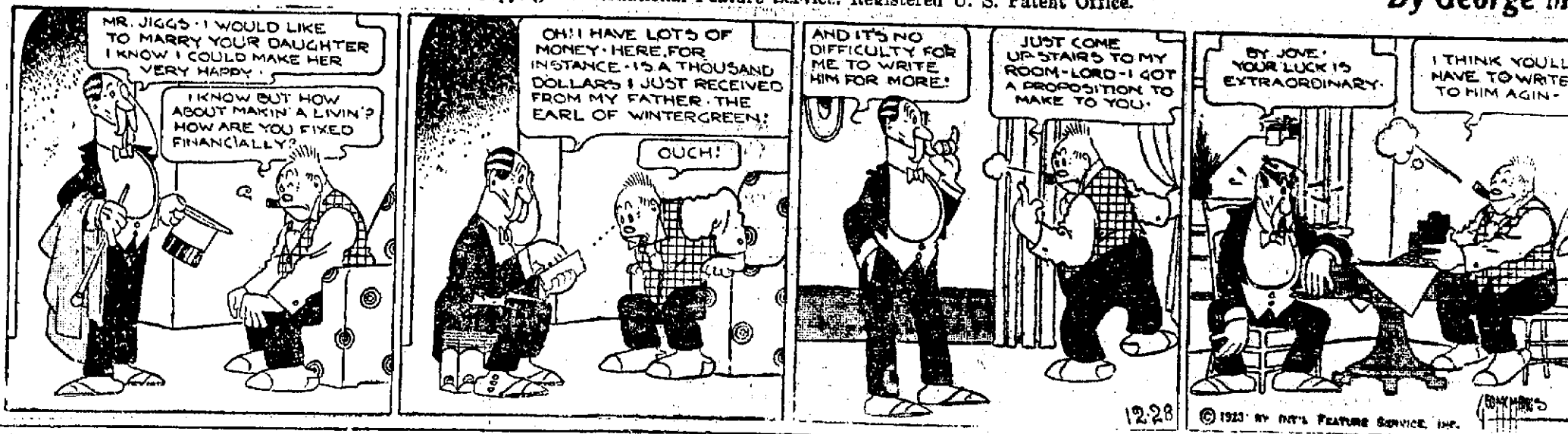
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By George McManus



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345 From cut-off 1:47 p. m.
15 Dallas Ft. Worth 3:44 p. m.
31 Dallas Ft. Worth 5:14 a. m.
37 Dallas Ft. Worth 5:14 a. m.
17 Dallas Ft. Worth 4:35 a. m.
19 Dallas Ft. Worth 3:55 a. m.

South bound—
346 To cut-off 7:00 a. m.
16 Houston San Antonio 11:45 a. m.
32 From Dallas 10:05 a. m.
38 Austin San Antonio 12:21 a. m.
18 Houston San Antonio 1:37 a. m.
20 Houston San Antonio 12:16 a. m.

T. & E. V.
North.
No. 8—3:25 p. m.

South.
No. 7—12:55 p. m.

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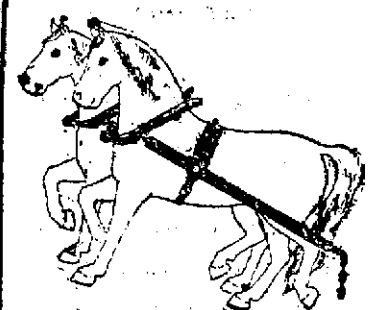
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ARTICLE No. 8

Many players who refuse to accept the conventional bid, probably do so because they have never taken the trouble to find out the reason for them. They claim that it is just as easy to make one heart if they hold five hearts to the king, queen or jack and one or more outside tricks as it is with five hearts to an ace king and no outside tricks. This statement is correct but the reason such suits are not bid is because it is impossible to give exact information to partner. The best theory of Auction bidding is to give exact information whenever possible. For that reason, all bids that may have a double meaning have been eliminated. To bid one heart as dealer with a hand that contains the following:

Hearts—Q, 9, 8, 4, 2
Clubs—10, 7
Diamonds—A, 10, 6
Spades—K, 9, 4

Is to make partner guess as to the strength of the hand. There is not a sure trick in hearts and there is no way for him to guess in what suits the tricks really are. Guesses, no matter how brilliant, cannot cope with cold, hard facts.

Make your original bids mean something definite to your partner for he must know the truth about your cards if the partnership is to be successful. Don't make original bids without the high cards in the suit bid. Otherwise your partner will waste your bid thinking

you have the high cards of your suit and then you may be doubled and lose a big penalty. Or your opponents may bid up to a point where your partner doubles with the assurance that your first bid was sound. If it was not, then you are in trouble and you cannot blame your partner.

When you play Auction, you are bidding for the privilege of playing the hand. All the conventions are based on common sense. Do not make a bid that you cannot back up, either as an offensive or defensive proposition.

These requirements for original bids are particularly important on close hands where one side can make four hearts and the other side four spades. By giving exact information to your partner every time you bid, you enable him to determine before the hand is played just about how many tricks you and your opponents can make and he can bid or double accordingly.

If one side figures that their adversaries can make four spades it is much to their advantage to bid five hearts, if by so doing they will not lose the contract by more than a trick or so. Their opponents may also make the mistake of bidding five spades. This is possible only when the bidding is sound and gives exact information. Never make your partner guess if you can help it for he is more apt to guess wrong than right.

The following hand is a good example:

Hearts—3
Clubs—K, Q, 8, 7
Diamonds—K, 10, 8, 6
Spades—Q, J, 10, 3

A Y B
Z

Hearts—10, 5
Clubs—J, 4, 2
Diamonds—J, 3
Spades—A, K, 9, 8, 6, 5

Z dealt and bid one spade and A bid two hearts. A-B bid their hand to four hearts and when overbid by Y-Z with four spades, correctly bid five hearts, were doubled and only lost 100 points. As Y-Z could have made four spades A-B saved a game at the expense of 100 points less four honors, a net loss of 64 points. This kind of bidding is good Auction but only possible when the bidding is sound.

Here is another example of clever overbidding that saved a game:

Hearts—Q, 9, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—K, Q, 5, 2
Diamonds—J, 6, 4, 2
Spades—None

A Y B
Z

Hearts—A, 6, 4
Clubs—Q, 8, 7, 5, 3
Diamonds—10, 8, 3

Z dealt and bid one no-trump. A bid two spades, Y three hearts and B and Z passed. A bid three spades, Y and A guessed and Z bid four hearts. A now realized that Y-Z could probably make four hearts and that he could save game by bidding four spades. It is evident that Y-Z could not have made more than two hearts and A-B would have won the game.

Problem No. 4

Hearts—A, 7, 6
Clubs—Q, 1, 9, 7, 6
Diamonds—A, 2
Spades—A, 4, 2

A Y B
Z

Hearts—K, J, 4
Clubs—A, K
Diamonds—K, J, 7, 6
Spades—8, 7, 6, 5

Z, the dealer, bid one no-trump. All passed and A led the king of spades. The problem is to obtain a little slam against perfect defense. Solution in next article.

Johnny Dundee Remarkable Fighter.

By HENRY L. FARRELL, (Buff. Post Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Johnny Dundee, flyweight champion during the past few years, is the most remarkable fighter of his day. Perhaps his record might be extended so as to make him the most extraordinary boxer of all times and his field broadened to make him the most unusual type in any field of sport.

Considering what Dundee has done in the thirteen years he has been boxing, and what he is still doing, the use of superlatives is not at all unwarranted in the facts.

As an example of preservation and patience, there is nothing to equal that of Dundee, who has been picking on for thirteen years to win a title, the world's featherweight championship, at an age, and after a career of hardships that should have helped him as an old man.

Since he started boxing, Dundee has seen more than fifty champions of the ring rise to the top and then fade away. Only one-third of the boxers who have made names in those thirteen years are still boxing, and Dundee is a champion, and a good one.

Dundee started boxing two years before Jim Jeffries lost his title to Jack Johnson, and since then Johnson and Willard have gone.

In the middle weight class, Panke, Klaus, Chip, McElroy, O'Dowd and Wilson have come and gone while Dundee was boxing.

Melody, Sullivan, Dixie Kid, Ted Lewis and Jack Britton won and lost the welter weight championship.

The lightweight class had Gans, Nelson, Welgast, Ritchie, Welch and Leonard as champions, and Dundee fought Ritchie, Welch and Leonard.

In the featherweight class the picture contained Abe Attell, Johnny Kilbane and Eugene Cribbin. Dundee fought Kilbane twice and took the title away from Cribbin.

Johnny Coulon, Kid Williams, Pete Herman, Joe Lynch and Johnny Buff lost the bantamweight championship while Dundee was moving right along.

Wally Wallace, Abe Goldstein, John

County Superintendent Plans Campaign to Secure Red Cross Nurse for Schools of Limestone

Mrs. Cora Ferguson, county superintendent of schools in Limestone county, reports that all schools in the county are progressing splendidly. No trouble is being experienced by the teachers in securing their pay, and a great deal of interest in the schools is manifest among the patrons.

In order to promote health and efficiency among the thousands of students who are attending the rural schools in Limestone county, Mrs. Ferguson states that a campaign is being planned to raise funds for the creation of a health department which will hire a Red Cross nurse whose business it will be to visit each of the schools a number of times during the year and look after the physical welfare of the children. As is the custom this nurse will examine each child and the event of a defect being found, or an affliction which has not attracted the attention of the parents of the child, she will inform the parents, and prescribe remedies or preventives if the defect be not worthy of the attention of a physician.

This is commendable move should have the support of all thinking citizens. If it is a success it will mean the prevention of much of the listless, inefficient attitude that teachers encounter in their schoolrooms. A defective child absolutely cannot learn, and many of the defects are so hidden that the attitude of the sufferer is attributed to pure cussedness.

To secure the services of this nurse it will be necessary to raise quite a little money. Scattered over the county, however, it will not be a burden and the amount should be gotten without any trouble. Each child who joins the club, which is to be organized to care for the matter, is to pay twenty-five cents. Each adult who joins will pay from one dollar to five. Fifty cents of the subscription of each adult and nothing of the subscription of the children, will go to the central office, from which the nurse will be sent, to pay her salary. The remainder of the money will remain in the county to defray the expenses of looking after and training the children.

Mrs. Ferguson also stated that during the interscholastic meet to be held in Groesbeck next spring to determine the county track and basket ball champions she intends to have each school in the county represented in a parade, either by a float or some other exhibit.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTH'S

On the way downtown today I walked with Samuel Werner. We were talking about farewell kisses which he sees and hears around the B and Y, D, station.

He spoke with the wisdom of a sagacious observer, as follows: "Every fond farewell and welcome home has a meaning all its own, but that don't keep railroad attaches from reading right off those little meanings."

Wives may be deceived by that daffy osculating "peck" and concerned "take care of yourself" administered by vacation-forgoing husbands, but not these clairvoyants, the railroad station workers. And the same station "hands" know there is no deception in that glad welcome home kiss with which the same wives are showered on the home-coming after the matrimonial-separating vacation.

One veteran porter in the T. & B. V. station has done a bit of philosophizing during baggage-toting, seat-hustling career on this question of farewells and receptions, said Sam.

"Admitting the exception proves the rule, farewell-bidding couples displaying the most fuss and regret on parting at the gate are the first to emit the sigh of relief and the smile of satisfaction after the bang of the gate and the bellowing "all-aboard."

When there is real honest-to-goodness parting-sorrow, the eye, gentle touch on the sleeve and last wave of the hand tell the tale.

"The only change wrought in station farewells by the Flapper Age is that where the young bloods a decade ago betrayed the desire for a parting kiss but dared not they now distribute parting osculations all around without betraying any special desire for the function but daring anybody to stop them."

"Parting and re-uniting belong traditionally to the newlyweds. They invariably become completely submerged in the process forgetting train times, tickets, ordinary rules of etiquette and the world in general. They defy train gates and guards to separate them and only the jolting of the

cars finally races—the deserted one down the aisle, past the conductor closing the vestibule door and back to the station platform.

But that isn't the last parting, that comes from the nodding head and wild waving arm protruding from an open car window.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN LADIES TO MEET MONDAY

The Central Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet at three o'clock Monday, December 31, at the church. Syria will be studied—a very appropriate lesson for the holidays, as the birth place of our Lord. A report from our very successful bazaar will be given. Officers will be elected for another year. Every member urged to be present.

1,111,111.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 28.—Between June 8 and December 7, the Ford Motor Company produced 1,111,111 motors at its Highland Park Plant here.

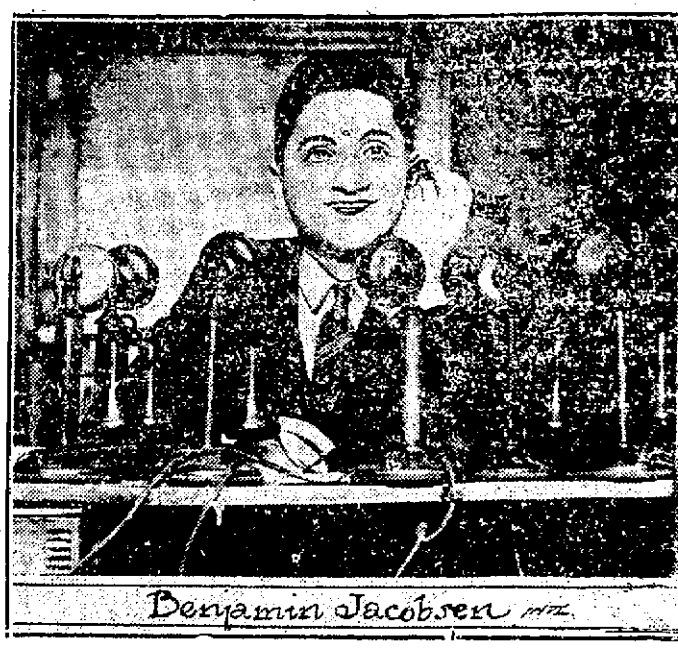
On June 8, motor number 7,777,777 went off the assembly line and was shipped to Los Angeles. On Dec. 7, motor number 8,888,888 was completed and shipped to Chicago.

Doc Made Fatal Mistake.
(From the Chicago News)

Doc Cook, who has been sentenced to prison for selling worthless oil stocks, would have done better if he had stuck to Eskimos and gumdrops.

Tattooing is widely practiced by light-skinned races. Negro races on whom the marks would not show, prefer to raise scars.

FORMER PAGE BOY BUYS STOCK EXCHANGE SEAT.



Benjamin Jacobson

Benjamin Jacobson for many years was a page boy on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Ten years ago he went into the silk business. Now he has purchased a seat on the Stock Exchange for \$82,000, and will be floor man for a big Wall street firm.

It is planned to replace the Mexican dollar and foreign coins in China with a new uniform Chinese silver dollar.

We charge 25c for delivering gasoline any place in the city limits; 50c mile thereafter. Applies to everyone. Mexia Battery & Tire Co., Inc. 14-19

CLARKSVILLE.—Surfacing of Highway No. 5, Red River county, now under way.

RIO GRANDE CITY.—Contract let for construction of railroad to Sam Fordyce.

EL PASO.—Bank clearings show increase of approximately \$1,000,000 over same month last year.

Mrs. Sam Werner and Mother, Mrs. Martie Lequhart, left Thursday for a week's visit with relatives in Conroe. Conroe was formerly the home of Mrs. Werner and her mother.

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President Coolidge Resents Tactics of E. Y. Clarke

Poland Resents U. S. Raid On Minister's Liquor

Administration Will Not Mix In Squabble Of Klan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—President Coolidge will decline to be drawn into the factional controversy in the Klan, and he and other leaders resent the tactics intended to embarrass the government by attempting to mix them in the squabble. This represents the administration's attitude to the letter of Edward Young Clarke. A conference with Coolidge will be sought by Clarke, who claims to have documents substantiating the charges.

STREET SWEEPER GOES TO WORK TO IMPROVE MEXIA

From now on Mexia is to have clean and tidy streets. The new street sweeper has arrived and was set to work on Main this morning with Marvin Woolton at the wheel. The improvements in the residential districts are being swept today and it is planned to sweep the business district after the streets are vacated by the cars tonight.

The sweeper consists of a large rotary brush placed at a forty-five degree angle before a Fordson and operated by sweeping the dust to the curb to be collected by the street cleaners. In order to eliminate the dust that would otherwise arise from the action of the machine a sprinkler will dampen the dirt before it.

The sweeper does the work quickly and well and will get rid of the annoyance of the clouds of dust that come sweeping up the pavements before every gust of wind.

The Mayor and City Commissioners are being praised freely by citizens for their action in this matter.

Martin Says Texas Ready For A Big Centennial Now

Lowry Martin, Chairman of the Centennial Survey Committee, appointed by the Texas Ad men, spent Christmas in Mexia. He said that letters were pouring in from all over the state urging that some such celebration as proposed by Theo. H. Price of New York City be carried out at some logical point in Texas. Among those who have written the committee were J. K. Hughes of Mexia, who said among other things that the "starting of a Centennial Exposition in Texas would be the greatest advertising medium that the state could possibly get. Mr. Hughes also stated that he would give \$25,000 towards the centennial provided the centennial city be back at Mexia. Austin, Houston, Waco, San Antonio and Arlington are also suggested.

THE WEATHER

East Texas—Tonight partly cloudy, somewhat warmer in northeast. Saturday partly cloudy.

West Texas—Tonight and Saturday partly cloudy; not much temperature change.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—An increase of two cents a gallon for gasoline, effective in ten middle western states tomorrow, was announced by Standard Oil Company of Indiana. The increase is due to the crude oil increase. Texas is not included in the rates.

OSTRACISED FOR BEFRIENDING YOUTH.



Jeanette Lawrence, Francis Kluxen, Monell Sayre.

In 1922 Francis Kluxen, 34, then only 15, son of good parents in Madison, N. J., was tried and acquitted by a jury on the charge of brutally murdering Jeanette Lawrence, 11, whose mutilated body was found near the town. Townspeople made life terrible for the youth after his acquittal. Shortly after he was freed Monell Sayre, of Convent Station, N. J., wealthy New York banker and secretary of the pension fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church, adopted the boy. This has just been revealed because a faction in the Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, of Madison, to which Sayre is a vestryman, has ostracised him for taking the lad into the church, and has ordered him never to do so again. The boy's innocence having been proved, Mr. Sayre, whose family has been prominent in New Jersey since 1650, refuses to turn against him.

Texas Company Leads Boost In Prices Of Oil

An era of better feeling has opened in the oil fields of the southwest with the close of the old year. This feeling prevails throughout the Mexia district especially because of an advance in crude oil prices, which as far as income from petroleum is considered, means more than an increase of production.

Registering a second material advance in some districts within two weeks' time, crude oil prices in five Southwestern States, the heaviest producing section of the midcontinent territory, Thursday took a climb ranging from 15c to 25c a barrel. In one instance the increase was 10c a barrel, this being the result of a change in grading schedule for Oklahoma and Kansas crude and affecting only that oil grading over 32 and under 40 gravity.

The new upward movement of crude prices was initiated by the Texas Company, which announced its schedule of increases at Houston, Tulsa, Shreveport, Wichita Falls, Breckenridge, Corsicana, and other points early Thursday morning, and by the Magnolia Petroleum Company. Shortly before noon the Humble Oil and Refining Company met the advances posted and raised the ante 10c a barrel on Currie crude, the Humble's price on this crude being \$1.25 as against \$1.25 a barrel announced by the Texas Company.

Affects Five States. Producing fields affected by the increase include those of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana and Arkansas. While the increases posted are, in the main similar some difference is found in the new prices for the lower grades of oil in the Texas Company and the Magnolia Petroleum Company's schedules on account of a difference in grading. The Texas Company's schedule lists all crude below 32 gravity at 10c a barrel. The Magnolia's schedule shows three grades of oil below 32 gravity on which different quotations are fixed. The Magnolia's new price on crude

NOTED OIL MAN AND FAMILY VISIT HERE

W. R. Boyd, Jr., and wife and son, Bill, of New York City, are spending the Christmas holidays with J. K. Hughes, Jesse McLendon and Jack Womack and families. Mr. Boyd is manager of the American Petroleum Institute.

The investigation of the Mayfield case will be made the vehicle for airing the "inside" story of the Klan, supporters of Coolidge claimed.

under 28 gravity is 50c, a 10c increase. On oil of 23 to 30.9 gravity the new price is 75c, a 15c increase, and on crude of 31 to 32.9 gravity the new price is 90c a barrel, a 15c increase.

A 15c increase is fixed by the Magnolia on grades of crude from 33 to 39 gravity and the increase on crude of 39 gravity and above is 10c a barrel. Mexia crude is increased 25c a barrel, and Corsicana light 25c a barrel, while Corsicana heavy shows a 10c increase. Announcement of the Magnolia's new prices was made by W. C. Proctor, treasurer of the company. The new prices are for Texas and became effective at 7 o'clock Thursday morning.

Second Price Increase. This second boost in crude oil prices in Texas within such a short time, taken by oil producers as a verification of the forecasts that have been made for some time regarding better times for the industry during the new year. The jump in prices is expected to spur on activities in producing sections activities that have been quiet for some time on account of the low prices available for production. Wildcatting is expected to be resumed also with the coming of the new year as the result of this upward movement. Reports from some sections indicate increased activity almost simultaneous with the announcement of the new prices.

The new schedule of the Magnolia Company, following the new prices quoted by that company Dec. 15, is as follows: Under 28 gravity 50c a barrel, 10c increase; 28 to 30.9 gravity, 75c, a 15c increase; 31 to 32.9 gravity 90c, a 15c increase; 33 to 35.9 gravity \$1.15, a 15c increase; 36 to 38.9 gravity \$1.30, a 15c increase; 39 gravity and over \$1.40 a 10c increase; Mexia crude \$1.25, a 25c increase; Corsicana light \$1.25, a 25c increase; Corsicana heavy 50c, a 10c increase; Currie crude \$1.25.

Fishermen Find Victim Off The Sicilian Coast

By WEBB MILLER (United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The body of Captain Du Plexis de Grenada, commander of the ill-fated French naval dirigible Dixmude, was found by fishermen in the Mediterranean Sea off the Sicilian coast, it was officially announced today.

The Sicilians came upon the commander's body as it floated in the sea some six miles off the little town of Saccia, near Girgenti.

Papers found in the pockets served to identify it.

Whether Captain De Grenada had leaped overboard from the Dixmude, or whether he and the forty-nine others who sailed on the dirigible from Cuers Pierrefeu ten days ago were carried down in a crash, was not at first made clear.

French warships were ordered immediately to patrol the waters between Tunis and the Sicilian coast in the fear that others of the Dixmude's crew may have been drowned and their bodies carried there in the storms of last week-end.

Announcement of the finding of Captain De Grenada's body comes at a moment when false hopes had been raised by reports from Insalah, an oasis in the Sahara desert, told of the Dixmude having been seen south of there as late as Wednesday last.

Native tribesmen were reported to have ridden 200 kilometers across the desert to report the "big bird" in the sky, to the French commander at Insalah and airplanes were in-Continued on page two

Gorilla Like Strangler Is Accused Of Killing Six

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—"Before she could scream I grabbed her. Then I saw she had recognized me and I put my hand around her neck and choked her until she was dead."

Frank Benner, former chef at the reconstruction hospital, in jail today for the murder of Estelle Phillips, calmly told police of the murder of the saleswoman.

"I just can't help myself when the impulse comes," he said. "I have to do it."

"Miss Phillips' room was on the fourth floor in the rear of the house, next to mine. At midnight, or soon after, on Oct. 11, I crept to her door. It was locked. I forced it open."

Police attributed six deaths to the gorilla-like stranger. They say he admitted an attack on Mrs. May Mitchell at Chestnut Hill, a suburb of Philadelphia, Dec. 5, and several robberies.

TELEGRAPH COMPANY SENDS MANY YULE MESSAGES

According to S. E. Tabor, local manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company, Christmas was a very busy period with the force at the telegraph offices here. Hundreds of telegrams, conveying the season's greetings, were sent out by wire, he says, oil field workers and operators joining in with the great numbers who thought kindly of the folks back home.

We fancy by the time all the taxes are paid on January 31, "Old Taxpayer" will be knocking at the door of the press with a few remarks.—Houston Post.



EX-PRES. WILSON GETS LOTS OF BIRTHDAY BUNDLES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Many bundles of telegrams and letters were received by Woodrow Wilson on his 67th birthday. A few friends called to pay their respects. Mr. Wilson's health as he approaches the three score years and ten mark is described as "doing well, but probably will never do any better."

Blame For Death Of Three Laid On Mesmerist

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—Blame for the death of three persons shot to death by a policeman of Sebenico while under hypnotic influence of Professor Langster, was placed on the latter by the attorneys for the policeman. If tried for murder the policeman will argue that the mesmerist is solely responsible. Langster's defense will be that the policeman was not hypnotized at all, but that he was drunk and merely feigned hypnotism.

NEW TEST TO GO DOWN RAPIDLY SAYS ROSS

Phil Ross of Ross and Green states that the test which he is putting down between Mexia and Wortham and just east of the S. P. tracks is now down around 300 feet, the surface casing has been set and drilling will proceed rapidly hereafter. The test is being made with much confidence inspired by showings in another test he drilled recently about a mile northwest of the present location on the Hackney tract.

A VAST DIFFERENCE

Asked as to how valuable the increase in price of crude from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per barrel was to the J. K. Hughes interest, Mr. Hughes stated that the advance was worth around \$75,000 per month under present conditions. A difference of 25 cents in price of crude is sufficient to make or break many a company, oil men arrest.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—The Mexican Senate, by a vote of 42 to 5 ratified the special claims convention with the United States.

John McElroy and Marvin Woolton went to Groesbeck and Waco on business Thursday.

Investigation Is To Be Made Concerning Seizure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Poland, through its minister, has made representations to the State Department concerning the interference of Washington police with the private liquor supply of the Polish diplomatic attaché here, is learned. Secretary Hughes said the State Department would make a thorough investigation of the reported occurrence, it is understood. Police are reported to have seized the liquor on the ground that it was a much larger supply than was necessary for the attaché.

Tax Assessor Says Register Car Now And Avoid Rush

"Register your car now and avoid the rush" said a sign upon the door of the tax assessor's office and quite a number of applicants for licenses were taking advantage of the opportunity. They came and went in a steady stream and half a dozen clerks were kept constantly busy waiting upon them. The new regulations concerning the registering of motor vehicles is giving some car owners difficulty in classifying their cars and this throws some extra work upon those beyond that registration seemed to charged with issuing the license but move smoothly.

UNOFFICIAL RETURNS BOND ELECTION SATURDAY, DEC. 29

From Fairfield Recorder Following are returns from Million Dollar Road Bond election last Saturday. We do not vouch for their absolute correctness, but they are near correct as we can make them at time of going to press:

	For	Ag.
Fairfield	371	91
Kirven	10	80
Shanks	18	4
Stewards Mill	58	5
Young	11	8
Toague	608	65
Dew	14	69
Donie	29	27
Wortham	228	41
Freestone	7	65
Streetman	25	55
Cotton Gin	39	12
Gonzard	7	6
Cottonwood	1	14
Luna	1	17
Cedar	6	32
Butler	26	6
St. Elmo	9	10
Trinity Chapel	17	0
Laney	2	14
Total	1490	624

No report received from New Hope. No election held at Liberty.

KENNEDY GOES OVER ALL HIGHWAYS

John Kennedy, Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, stated this afternoon that he has already gone over all the highways in his precinct since the bad weather subsided and the grader was this afternoon going over the Mexia-Groesbeck road. He has worked fast and thus saved the roads from considerable wear, making it much easier to travel over them to the oil fields.

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 28.—Governor Neff conferred with J. L. Schleimer, special representative of President Obregon, but the conference discussions were not made public. Schleimer, who came direct from Mexico City, refused to make public his mission.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—William Butler, campaign manager for President Coolidge, will be a candidate for the republican nomination for United States Senator to oppose Senator Walsh, Democratic incumbent, it is announced.

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MR. COOLIDGE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE LEAGUE

For

I doubt if any particular mandate was given at the last election on the question of the League of Nations. In the South where there was decided opposition to the league, they voted the Democratic ticket. And as far as the League of Nations was concerned in the North, the vote was with equal and even greater preponderance in favor of the Republican ticket. Of course many men voted those who were in favor of the league. With them it became simply a question of supporting the Republican or Democratic party. So you can't say there was a preponderance of votes against the League of Nations.—From speech by Vice-President-elect Coolidge to a group of business men at Boston, November 23, 1920.

Against

Our country has definitely refused to adopt and ratify the Covenant of the League of Nations and the incident so far as we are concerned is closed.—From President Coolidge's message, December 6, 1923.

PRaise AND PROSPERITY FOR FREESTONE

The year closes with Freestone County having voted a million dollars for good roads. The success of the bond issue at the polls last Saturday provides this part of Texas with an outlet and an inlet to the east which will repay the section many times before the bond issue has run its course. The line of tourist travel from southern states to the Pacific coast will rapidly change from highways North and South to the one leading through Freestone county and Mexia. The new route is said to be at least 500 miles shorter from Florida to El Paso than any other highway. This in itself commends the action of the citizens of the neighboring county, to say nothing of the effect that their decision at the ballot box will have in stimulating a wildcatting campaign in the county.

Prices are nearer right in the oil fields of Mexia. Currie and Powell than ever before, but still they're off from 10 to 15 cents a barrel. The recent advance in these fields was 25c cents per barrel, while the advance elsewhere was from 10 to 15 cents. As the fields settle to a normal basis, the purchasing companies may decide to buy local production on a gravity basis, like they do elsewhere, and thus stop a practice of discrimination against this territory which has lost millions of dollars to the really owners, lease and royalty holders, operators and treasury of county and state and nation. At least the present indications are favorable.

According to an announcement in a news item from Omaha, Texas, that section is due for a 10,000 spindle textile mill at once. Mexia's cotton mill, a subscription campaign for which was started nearly a year ago and carried speedily to success, will be built yet. 1924 will witness its construction. This section of the state is thereby to be made a better place in which to live and labor. Come to Mexia.

The Mexia oil bearing area will continue to dominate the oil fields of the southwest for many years to come. 1924 is certain to witness new discoveries, as great as any ever known here. There's two best bets yet,—the Kosse area and eastern Freestone.

The oil men of the southwest were made happy by the belated arrival of Santa Claus who got here on the 27th, bringing an increase in the price of crude. Come again Santa.

You will soon write it. Nineteen Twenty Four. Let's all pull together for a big year for a bigger and better Mexia.

WALTER WOMACK PLAYS SANTA TO NEWSIES WITH DOLLAR BILLS

E. Jean Ormsby states that the newsboys of the city have been remembered by friends throughout the city this Christmas. A very handsome, No. 3 test near Mildred in the Powell some thing was done by Walter Womack. He made oil by heads. This is the third well to the newsboys glad by giving every one brought in by the railroad on its one of them \$1.00 each. Mr. Womack right of way. Passengers arriving said that he had intended making here on the afternoon train Wednesday present to them before Christmas day reported that they barely missed mas but could not catch them to an oil shower as the spr from the pether on that occasion. Just before well fell against the coaches. The News came from the press Thursday afternoon, he approached the circulation department, coming down Womack Lane, with his hands. He gave them a full of new \$1.00 bills. These he distributed to the boys who bowed with glee, as he played Santa to them.

Mr. Ormsby states that the boys on the routes were remembered by quite a number of patrons, who gave them dimes and quarters for the good delivery service they had rendered during the year. The Mexia Daily News has five route carriers in addition to the score or more street salesmen.

These five of whom words of praise come every day are: Clifford Brown, Raymond Ellison, Mandil Cline, J. B. Yoder and Billie Hight.

T. & B. V. TRAVELERS
SPRAYED WITH OIL
The T. & B. V. railway company's No. 3 test near Mildred in the Powell has been completed and is making mas Thursday afternoon. He made oil by heads. This is the third well to the newsboys glad by giving every one brought in by the railroad on its one of them \$1.00 each. Mr. Womack right of way. Passengers arriving said that he had intended making here on the afternoon train Wednesday present to them before Christmas day reported that they barely missed mas but could not catch them to an oil shower as the spr from the pether on that occasion. Just before well fell against the coaches. The News came from the press Thursday afternoon, he approached the circulation department, coming down Womack Lane, with his hands. He gave them a full of new \$1.00 bills. These he distributed to the boys who bowed with glee, as he played Santa to them.

BRECKENRIDGE.—Scores of rattlesnakes have been killed in a four day war against a huge den of the reptiles which residents of the Eolian vicinity have been carrying on near here. Dynamite was used to blast the snakes from their rocky den on the side of a hill.

PARIS.—Gustav Eiffel, designer of the famous Eiffel Tower, died today. He was 91 years old.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

DEPLETING OIL SUPPLY

Fort Worth Record
To most casual readers of newspapers this sentence has no significance: "The oil production in Powell field has declined to 100,000 barrels per day."

Yet that sentence, read understandingly, signifies the crisis in one chapter of our waste of precious oil resources.

The first well was brought in at Powell, Central Texas, at the end of May, this year. There was absolutely no need for that oil. There were already over 300,000,000 barrels of crude oil in storage, due to the flush California production that was flooding the country.

Any proper administration of a national resource would have kept the Powell oil underground, the proper place to store it until needed. But under our present laws there was nothing to stop a headlong development at Powell. In fact, once the development had begun in those rich four square miles, every property owner had to drill and put his straw in the tub before it was drained dry.

Now look at it from a national standpoint: From the end of May until today 27,000,000 barrels of oil have been drawn out of their cheap reservoir in the earth and put into expensive reservoirs above ground. The oil has been thrown upon a market already saturated, depressing the price of oil below the cost of production in

all but the newer flush fields. Gasoline has gone down, too, down below the cost of production. Gasoline consumers are having a short joy-ride. They will pay later as they find small producers and refiners eliminated and find a depleted oil supply in the hands of a few large oil corporations that will know how to use their advantage.

In six short months the Powell field has begun to run out. Four weeks ago it reached its maximum production of 350,000 barrels a day. Now it is down to 100,000, and declining daily. Powell has yielded us 27,000,000 barrels at a time when we needed not one barrel of it.

The remedy is simple. Oil should be treated as a NATIONAL resource. It should be taken from the ground only as rapidly as needed, and new fields should be opened up only under government license. Such a license would never have been given for Powell. That oil would still be underground and the nation and the Powell property owners would be the richer for it.

The oil industry today is sick, disorganized, uncertain. Health, organization and certainty can be put into it by NATIONAL LEGISLATION PUTTING THE OIL BUSINESS UNDER A SYSTEM OF FEDERAL REGULATION AND LICENSES.

We offer this program to the oil kings' meeting in St. Louis this week, trying to diagnose the cause and cure of their industry's malady.

MY CHRISTMAS ROSE

This red rose in my prison place
With freedom sensed encircles me;
It wields a fairy's magic mace.

The down-pressed roof it lifts apace,
Till I the high blue sky can see . . .
This red rose in my prison place.

The walls are ripped from top to base,
And crumble, stricken, one, two, three;
It wields a fairy's magic mace.

The old child-world, made new, I face;
It shows it as it used to be . . .
This red rose in my prison place.

And I fare forth, running a race
With Time, my feet unfettered, free.
It wields a fairy's magic mace.

Once more bright butterflies I chase,
And hear birds sing in bush and tree.
This red rose in my prison place,
It wields a fairy's magic mace.

—John P. Sjolander.

FISHERMEN

(Continued from Page 1)
mediately dispatched in search of the dirigible.

The finding of Captain De Grenada's body in the Mediterranean, some 225 miles northeast of Tunis does not mean, the Ministry of Marines pointed out, that the Dixmude herself may not have drifted 1,000 miles to the southward.

But it is considered unlikely the young commander would have deserted his airship except in his last extremity.

The Ministry pointed out that in the event of the news from Insalah being correct and the airship's being adrift over the heart of the Sahara, her occupants, if any, face experiences even more terrible than those feared for them.

Savage tribes inhabit the Hoggar region, 1,000 miles from Algiers whither the natives reported having seen the dirigible drifting. Colonials recall a terrible massacre at the Flatters Mission, years ago.

The Hoggar region is in what is practically the center of the Sahara district almost inaccessible from the outside and relief workers would require weeks, possibly months to penetrate it.

Nevertheless, before word was received of the gruesome find by the Sicilian fisher folk, relief expeditions were ordered to make the start.

The finding of Captain De Grenada's body was reported by the French naval attaché at Rome. He recovered his information from the Italian naval authorities at Palermo. The French cruiser Mulhouse and three torpedo boats at once started there.

The Ministry of Marine in a communique at midnight, said a telegram had been received from the military post at Martinprey, transmitting the following which had been relayed by military courier Insalah:

"The Dixmude was observed 200 kilometers south of Insalah, supposedly headed towards Tamnrasset. A patrol under French command started immediately for Hoggar. A second patrol went to Hangalm. A swift courier was dispatched to Ahmet to confirm the Dixmude's presence and to carry instructions to her commander in case the dirigible lands."

The commander's body, however, drifted in the sea more than 1,000 miles away at the time. Whether the Dixmude, as seen by the natives near Hoggar, appeared to have men aboard, was not ascertained. Very likely, the Ministry said, the simple natives would not be capable of determining, for they regard the airship with awe, as some magic thing.

CITIZENSHIP

Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

OUR FUTURE

Herbert Hoover, in an address before the United States Chamber of Commerce in April, 1921, among other things said:

"Nothing can prevent the prosperity of a country where the people have enlightenment, wish to work, wish to produce and wish to do right by their neighbors."

"We need remember at all times that we are not a nation of machines and houses, factories and railways. We are a nation of men, women and children. Our industrial system and our commerce is simply an implement for their comfort and happiness. When we deal with these great problems of economics let us deal with this one conception—that our object is to defend and increase our standards of living—and upon this soil will grow those moral and intellectual forces that make our nation great."

The Greatness of Little Things

By A. Garland Adair

DIGESTION

Man depends upon food for more than mere life, mere existence and mere muscle. He eats to live. He should also eat properly to live properly. Food effects temper, nervous vitality, personality, virtues and vices to a far greater extent than many believe. Small meals, eaten with regularity, improve digestion and healthy digestion means sweetness of temperament and self control. The individual who neglects nature's laws at meal time, who neglects to eat properly or who overfeeds, will face trouble sooner or later, and such trouble will invariably lead to sourness and irritability of temper and failure of the works sort. His only success will be in delighting his enemies and in disappointing his loved ones and associates.

Mexia District Hails Advance With Delight

The oil fraternity of this section was thrilled Thursday with the receipt of news telling of the advance in price of Mexia, Currie and Powell crude.

When told that the Texas Company had posted an increase of 25 cents on the barrel in all three pools J. K. Hughes of the Developing Company said "That's what I call a man."

It is believed that the boost indicates better conditions in oil markets, as far as producers are concerned, not only in this section but throughout the southwest.

With the advance, with the return of oil field workers from a brief Christmas vacation and with roads drying rapidly, fleets of trucks will soon be running out of Mexia in all directions, in an effort to discover new pools of hidden wealth.

The situation is vastly changed from that which it presented two months ago. Then purchasing companies were refusing production. At least they were not in the market for all that was available, even though, through discrimination practices followed generally in this territory, the huge volume of Powell oil was available at \$1.00 per barrel rather than a higher price which the same gravity petroleum was bringing elsewhere. Now all purchasing companies are in a scramble for the production at the increased price of \$1.25. New connections are being sought constantly.

DESERTED WIFE 17 YEARS AGO; RETURNS WEALTHY.



A few months after he married Elizabeth Garland in Haverstraw, N. Y., seventeen years ago John Drummond disappeared. No word was ever heard of him. A few days ago he drove up in a fine limousine and bade his wife give up her \$15 a week job in a shirtwaist factory. He refuses to say where he has been, but admits he returned when he learned he had inherited \$100,000 from the estate of his brother, prominent New York hat manufacturer.

C. M. Dulin of Dawson registered at the Majestic Thursday.

W. G. English of Corsicana was in the city Thursday.

Gus Kerneed of Teague was in the city Thursday.

R. P. Thurley of Teague was in the city Thursday.

E. L. Stone of Breckenridge was here Thursday.

C. H. Stone of Eastland spent Thursday in Mexia.

Ab Horn of Waco was a visitor to the city Thursday.

R. H. Bush of Ennis was here Thursday.

Mrs. W. M. Wilson spent Thursday in the city.

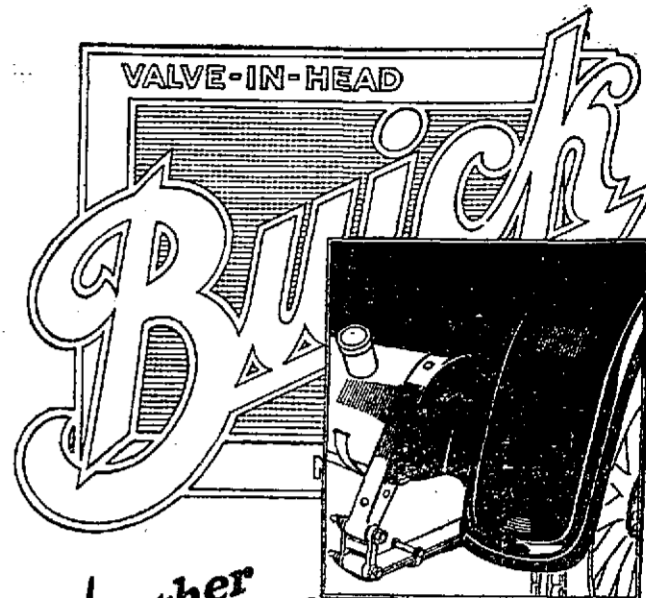
STILL THEY COME

D. J. Edson of the Humble offices at Corsicana is the proud father of a fine boy who arrived in his home Wednesday. Mother and babe are reported doing nicely.

A demagogue is a politician who capitalizes ignorance and prejudice for office; a statesman is a politician who stands for the eternal verities of liberty, win or lose.—Houston Post.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harrison spent Christmas in Dallas and Waxahachie. Mr. Harrison's mother, Mrs. J. P. Harrison of Dallas and Mrs. Harrison's sister, Miss Almata King of Waxahachie, returned to spend a few days with them.

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Romatic History Of Laredo Augmented By Oil Industry

By HARRY FANSLER

LAREDO, Texas, Dec. 28.—On the cacti-carpeted plains, where less than a century ago the red man was the foe of civilization; where later came the cattle and the horse thieves to menace the peace of those seeking to propagate the spread of civilization, even to the frontier along the Rio Grande; where later the law abiding ranchman with his herds of cattle, horses, sheep, goats and other live stock engaged in that peaceful husbandry that provided recompense for their labors; where the old historic Los Ojuelos ranch, which was for years the domain over which the ancestors of Eusebio Garcia, the present owner in fee, made the headquarters of hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile grazing land; this, the oil man has invaded, and today instead of gamboling live stock to the yelping of coyotes throughout the nearby arroyos, the hum of the rotary drill is to be heard. An oil field has replaced the historic old cattle ranch and the present owners no longer worry about the price beef will bring on the hoof, having in some cases more than 100 producing oil wells on their property.

During the past two and one-half years, tremendous strides have been made in the oil development work in this district which has resulted in the completion of 232 producing oil wells and 81 gas wells. Several pipe lines to care for the production have been laid, the longest of which is owned by the Texpata Pipe Line company and extends from the Miranda Valley pool (discovery pool) to the railroad at Miranda City, a distance of nearly 14 miles. This line has a capacity of 7000 barrels daily. The Laredo Oil company, Caranahan Producing and Refining company, Witherspoon Oil company and the Magnolia Petroleum company also have their own pipe lines which extend from their produc-

tion to the loading racks at Miranda City. Recently the Magnolia Petroleum company laid a line to the Avia-tor pool, having purchased the output of several companies operating in that pool.

The Laredo oil and gas pools are located in the eastern portion of Webb and Zapata counties along a low ridge of hills commonly called an escarpment which extends across both counties for a distance of about 80 miles and along which are to be found the following: Leaseholders, Carolina-Texas, Miranda City, Reiser, Bruni, Schott, Wolcott, Mid Ojuelos, Aviator, Miranda Jennings Randado and the shallow pool in the southern portion of Zapata county.

The origin of the discovery of oil in this section can be traced to the borings for water some 25 years ago

near the station of Reiser, on the Texas-Mexican railroad, about 25 miles to the east of Laredo, but no attempt was made to commercialize this valuable find, due to the fact that water was much more to be desired by the ranchman than oil, until the Producers Oil company drilled several tests near Reiser which resulted in good gas wells and which was accordingly piped to Laredo for domestic purposes for several years, after which the Texas company opened a gas field on the Jennings property, in the north central portion of Zapata county, and laid an eight-inch pipe line which still supplies the city of Laredo with natural gas.

Soon afterwards, while drilling for water in the southeastern portion of Zapata county, oil was encountered at the depth of 160 feet. Immediately several wells were drilled by the Zapata Producing and Refining company which produced about five barrels per day each, but due to the extreme distance from railroad transportation, it was found to be unprofitable to place on the market.

Several companies entered this dis-

trict during the spring of 1920 and drilled in different localities in both Webb and Zapata counties, but nothing of consequence was discovered until the Miranda Oil company, headed by O. K. Killam, encountered oil at the depth of 1430 feet in the first test drilled in the northeastern corner of Zapata county. This test was lost, as was the case of No. 2 by the same company, and it was not until April, 1921, that No. 3 was brought in as a producing oil well with a daily production of about 50 barrels. This well definitely established the fact that oil in commercial quantities existed in the Laredo district, and a drilling campaign was started immediately.

About this time a company was organized, composed mostly of business men of the city of Laredo, called the Laredo Oil company and acreage was secured along and to the north of the Texas Mexican railroad and made a location and commenced the drilling of its No. 1 test which is located just east of where the city of Miranda now stands. A very rich sand was encountered at the depth of 1665 feet after which the well came in as what

every one thought was a gusher well, but which later developed water trouble and was finally abandoned. The next well drilled by this company was considered one of the best in the field and today is making, according to reports, around 200 barrels of oil each day.

Pocket gophers living near Los Angeles today show no appreciable difference from the fossil gopher which lived in California 200,000 years ago.

GOLLIWOGG REVUE

Saturday, December 29th, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. the pupils of Miss Beeson and Miss Walters will give the Golliwogg Revue at the High School auditorium. Proceeds will go to the High School Library. Admission 25c and 35c. 28-2

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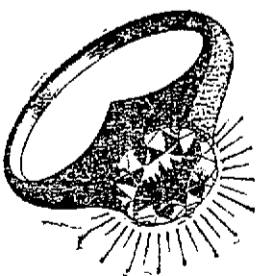
—Opened Thursday—with a rush which far surpassed our expectation. Our shop was crowded to capacity many times during the day and thousands of dollars worth of diamonds and jewelry were sold. This sale will continue indefinitely.

Watches

- Waltham, a sturdy watch in 16 size, 15 jewels and cased in the green or white gold filled case, a guaranteed timepiece. \$25 value. At half price.....\$12.50
- Elgin watches, the professional timekeeper, 21 jewels, adjusted 5 positions, fitted in a 20 year hand engraved gold filled case. \$60 value. Now at half price.....\$30.00
- Elgin Streamline model, 17 jewels, adjusted, fitted in a 20 year gold filled case. \$35 value. Half Price \$17.50
- “Lady Elgin” 10-0 size, 15 jewels fitted in a solid 14 karat white gold case. \$50 value. Half Price \$25.00
- “Lady Elgin” Wrist Watch, 7 jewels, fitted in yellow gold filled case, convertible wristlet, \$20.00 value. Now at half price.....\$10.00
- Our entire stock of Howard and Gruen Watches at HALF PRICE. Nothing excluded.

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- Cuff Links in the white gold tops and stiffened posts, guaranteed quality. \$2.00 value. At half price.....\$1.00
- Sterling silver belt buckle, handsomely chased and of standard size to fit all belts. \$3.50 value. Now at Half Price.....\$1.75
- Powder box in the best grade of sterling plate, handsomely engraved, large variety of designs. \$5.00 values. Now at half price.....\$2.50
- Our entire stock of Fountain pens and pencils at HALF PRICE. These include the Wahl, Conklin, Parker, Waterman and Eversharp brands.
- Conklin gold filled pen and pencil set with clip. \$2.50 set. Now at half price.....\$1.25
- Wahl “Eversharp” green gold filled pen and pencil set. \$5.50 value. Now at half price.....\$2.75



Diamonds

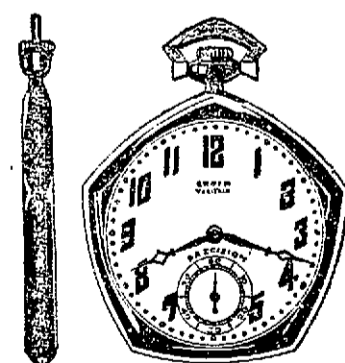
- A Diamond weighing 2 1-4 karat of fine brilliancy and perfect, exquisitely mounted in platinum. Value \$1000. Now at Half Price.....\$500.00
- A diamond weighing 16-100 (half karat) of fine brilliancy and cutting and exquisitely set in a white gold 18 karat mounting paved with sapphires. \$200.00 value. Now at Half Price.....\$100.00
- A Diamond weighing 14-100 karat of fine brilliancy and cutting, set in a white gold 20 karat basket mounting. \$75.00 value. Now at Half Price.....\$37.50
- A Diamond weighing 10-100 karat of fine brilliancy and cutting, handsomely set in an 18 karat white gold mounting. \$50 value. Now at half price.....\$25.00
- A platinum top barpin on 14 kt white gold, an exquisite design and mounted with a full cut genuine blue white diamond, \$25 value. Now Half Price.....\$12.50
- A Diamond platinum top wrist watch set with 4 diamonds and 4 sapphires hand wrought and carved 20 kt case, fitted with highest quality 17 jewels and adjusted. \$85.00 value. Now at half price.....\$42.50
- A Diamond platinum top barpin, set with five large diamonds and 4 sapphires, an exquisite design, \$175.00 value. Now at half price.....\$87.50

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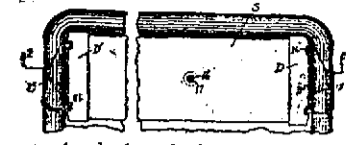
- Hoppelwhite design (Reed & Barton) large six piece tea set including waiter, \$150 value. At half price \$75.00
- “Dutch Silver” Wedgewood quality coffee set, four pieces, \$50.00 value. Now at half price.....\$25.00
- Community Plate Tudor 20 year guarantee. 26 pieces \$17.50 value. Now at half price.....\$8.62
- The famous “Universal” percolator, 9 cup, including waiter, sugar and cream pitcher. \$80.00 value. Now at half price.....\$40.00
- The famous “Universal” percolator, heavily silver plated, 9 cup, including sugar and cream pitcher. \$75.00 value. Now at half price.....\$37.50
- Session clocks, 8 day and striker, mahogany finish. \$15.00 value. Now at half price.....\$7.50
- “Flyer” Alarm clocks, \$1.50 value. Half Price.....75c
- Gillette razor blades, \$1.00 value the dozen. Now at half price. Dozen.....50c
- “Ever-Ready” blades, 6 to the package. 40c value. Now at half price. Package.....20c
- Ladies hand tooled Cordova hand bag, laced handle. \$20.00 value. Now at half price.....\$10.00

Latest Patents of Interest to Motorists

Recently Granted by U. S. Patent Office

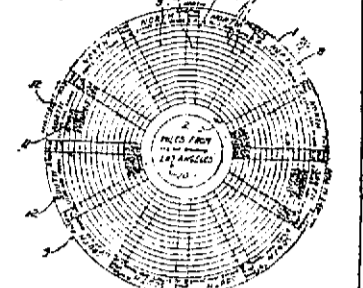
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1,478,276. NIGHT AND DAY AUTO SHADE. Joseph W. Foley, Los Angeles, Calif.



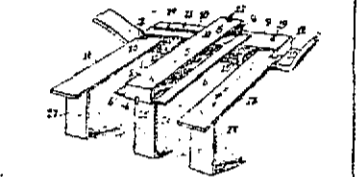
1. A shade of the character described comprising a translucent member of flexible material and attaching means at the ends of the member, one of said attaching means comprising elements hingedly connected to each other to occupy open and closed positions, means on one of the elements for detachably securing the translucent member between the elements, and a resilient member carried by one of the elements and to which a clamping device is adapted to be connected.

1,477,801. MILEAGE CHART. Frank William Bacon, Los Angeles, Calif.



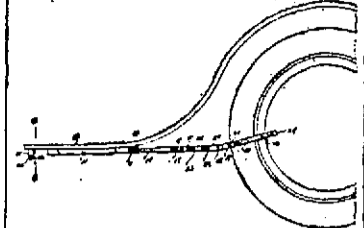
1. In a mileage chart, a member having a central portion containing the name of a main station, and radial portions containing in radial columns the names of other stations and containing characters representing their distances from the main station.

1,477,812. AUTOMOBILE DINING OUTFIT. Burleigh N. Crockett, Ayer, Mass.



2. A dining set for an automobile having a running board, comprising an elongated table pivotally supported at one end by said running board, an elongated seat pivotally supported at one end by said running board, and movable supports for the free ends of said table and seat, whereby the table and seat can be disposed at right angles to the running board, or swung about and superimposed parallel therewith.

1,477,929. AUTOMOBILE WHEEL LOCK. Harry Barnett, Helena, Mont.



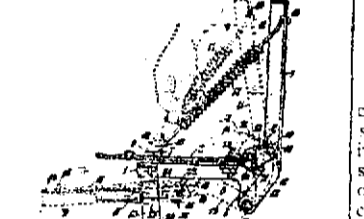
1. Means for locking automobile wheels comprising a supporting member adapted to be attached beneath the running board of the machine, a wheel rim and tire embracing member including pivoted jaws, and means for locking them clamped upon a tire and wheel rim, and a plurality of pivoted sections, one of said sections being pivoted to the supporting member and the section at the opposite end being pivoted to the jaws, two of said sections overlapping each other and having sliding engagement with each other.

62,595. AUTOMOBILE SIGNAL. William Thomas, Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.



The ornamental design for an automobile signal, as shown.

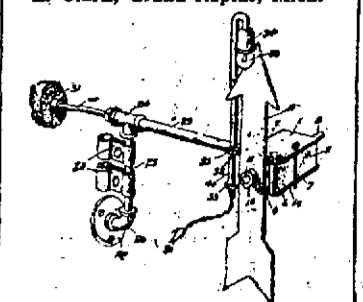
1,478,304. LUGGAGE CARRIER. Richard C. Stewart, Covington, Ky.



2. In a luggage carrier, a luggage retaining element having a pivot at its lower edge on which it is mounted to swing upright along the edge of a vehicle luggage-receiving part, engaging means over near the opposite edge of said vehicle part, and a tension spring connected to an upper part of said luggage-retaining element near its upper edge.

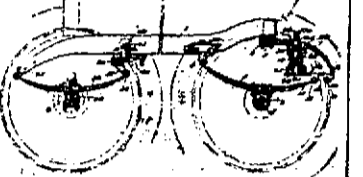
one end thereof, to be connected with said engaging means across said vehicle part, for holding said element upright with a part near said pivot engaged tightly against the vehicle part, to prevent rattling of the parts, and forming luggage-retaining means at said end of said element.

1,478,174. DIRECTION SIGNAL FOR MOTOR VEHICLES. Thos. E. Clark, Grand Rapids, Mich.



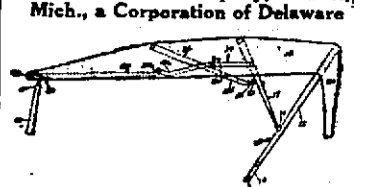
1. In a construction of the class described, a horizontal rotatably mounted shaft, a casing through which the shaft passes, supporting means for the casing adapted to be secured to a motor vehicle, an indicating arrow attached to the front end of the shaft in front of the casing, a notched disk on the shaft, and a spring bar mounted in the casing, being secured at one end and having a free end portion bearing against the disk for holding the arrow in any one of a plurality of positions to which it may be turned on rotation of the shaft, substantially as described.

1,477,959. SHOCK ABSORBER. Robert D. Hughes, Lynchburg, Va.



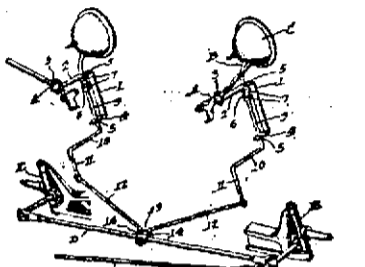
1. In a spring suspension for vehicles, a semi-elliptic spring, a cantilever spring, a lever mounted intermediate its ends on one end of the semi-elliptic spring, one end of the lever being pivotally connected to the free end of the cantilever spring, a socket on the other end of the lever, a coil spring having one end seated in the socket, a yoke straddling a resilient portion of the cantilever spring, a socket member suspended from the yoke, with the other end of the coil spring mounted in the socket member, and a clamping means on the yoke engaging the cantilever spring for locking the yoke in position on the cantilever spring.

1,477,751. VEHICLE TOP. Joseph Galamb, Detroit, Mich., assignor to Ford Motor Company, Detroit, Mich., a Corporation of Delaware



In an automobile top, the combination with a rear main bow, separated supporting elements disposed thereon at different heights, a rear supporting bow pivoted to the upper supporting element on said main bow and projecting upwardly and outwardly from its point of connection, a pair of parallel forwardly extending bars pivoted to said supporting bow at their rear ends, a front supporting bow pivoted intermediate its ends to said forwardly extending bars, said front supporting bow at its rear end having a detachable connection selectively with the rear supporting bow or the lower supporting element on said rear main bow, and a forward top supporting bow pivoted to the ends of said forwardly extending bars.

1,478,001. DIRIGIBLE HEADLIGHT FOR AUTOMOBILES. Augustus C. Duke, Cedar town, Ga., assignor to one-half to James M. Burke, Cedar town, Ga.



In a dirigible headlight for vehicles of the class described, the combination of a supporting arm comprising a forwardly projecting portion, a downwardly turned portion and a rearwardly bent portion, said arm having aligned orifices in its parallel portions, a headlight standard swivel mounted in said supporting arm, a vertically disposed spool link affixed to said standard, a vertically disposed bent rod swivel mounted in the rearwardly bent portion of the supporting arm and affixed to the lower end of the bent rod, and a clamp to which the other end of the link is swivel attached, said clamp being secured to a steering element of the vehicle.

VOLUME OF MAIL HERE GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE

According to Isidore Newman, postmaster here, Mexia had a greater volume of mail, incoming and outgoing, this past week than ever in the history of Mexia. He stated that not even when the oil boom was at its peak and when there were 25,000 people here did the office have such a business. The parcel post business was much heavier than last year. Six truck loads of packages were delivered last Sunday in order to relieve the crowded condition at the federal building and in line with the expeditious manner of handling Christmas mail. The need for a new federal building is apparent to every citizen and is more emphasized by the huge business done at this time than ever before.

According to mail clerks on the trains passing through here, Mexia outgoing mail, parcels and packages, were put up better than any mail received at any station on the lines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Landrum have returned from Waco where they were called Sunday to the bedside of his mother, Mrs. W. F. Landrum. Mr. Landrum states that she is some better, which bit of news will be cheering to their friends.

You are not giving God all the praise for your good fortune if you are keeping all the money for yourself.—Houston Post.

BIG SPRING.—New building under construction for Stokes Motor Company.

WAXAHACHIE.—96 miles of highway in Ellis district being rebuilt at cost of \$75,000.

Rain Stops Drill At Nacogdoches

NACOGDOCHES, Dec. 28.—Continued rains for the past two weeks have made all roads leading to the oil fields impassable and has stopped drilling until after the holidays. The Producers Association, drilling on the Matthews tract in the heart of the shallow field 15 miles southeast of town, and the Southwestern Petroleum Company's No. 1, drilling two miles North of Garrison are to resume drilling as soon as weather and roads permit.

A statement is credited as having been made at Dallas recently by Col. A. E. Humphreys of Denver, discoverer of the Mexia field that the Nacogdoches field was one of the promising new fields in Texas, has created much enthusiasm here.

Fastest Run On Record Made By Lincoln Auto

A Lincoln car is credited with the fastest run on record between police headquarters at South Bend, Ind., and the state house at Indianapolis. The trip of 155.7 miles was made in 165 minutes, an average of close to a mile a minute despite frequent stop-downs in cities and towns along the way and occasional pauses and stops due to traffic and road conditions.

The car was commandeered by Chief of Police Lawrence J. Lane recently in order to secure the governor's signature on extradition papers which were urgently needed.

W. W. Farrar, Lincoln sales manager W. R. Hinkle, Inc., South Bend Ford dealers, piloted the car on the flying trip to the capitol.

Valuable Manual For Oil and Gas Operations Out

A valuable and interesting pamphlet entitled "Manual For Oil & Gas Operations" has been recently issued by the Bureau of Mines. The pamphlet is of such an instructive nature that the Association endeavored to secure a copy for each member, but the Bureau informed us of the impossibility of supplying that number stating, however, that they will take care of those individuals who wish to send in to them for same.

A partial list of the contents are as follows: Prevention of losses in oil and gas production; Methods for determining sources of water; Methods for excluding water from oil and gas sands; Use of cement in oil and gas wells; Prevention of waste during drilling in and waste from wild wells; Abandonment of oil and gas wells; Methods of reducing the amount of gas produced with oil; Losses during pulling and cleaning out; Preventing and extinguishing oil fires, and many other valuable articles which should be of real interest to the producer.

This pamphlet can be had by writing The Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

and asking for Bulletin 232, entitled "Manual For Oil and Gas Operations."

FOR SALE.—Two extra well furnished apartments in well built new bungalow; water furnished, meter for lights and gas; 4 rooms and bath. Nice home for permanent tenant. \$35 per month. 805 East Grayson. Phone 2941. 28K2

Mrs. W. B. Kendrick and daughter, Miss Christine, visited Mrs. Kendrick's parents, Mayor and Mrs. G. W. Black of Thornton last Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Black visited the Kendrick here Thursday afternoon.

Here Are Some Easy Exercises to Strengthen Your Feet: Suggested by Dr. William M. Scholl.



By WM. M. SCHOLL, M. D.

Foot ailments are the cause of widespread suffering and inefficiency. How to decrease them? Dr. Wm. M. Scholl, great authority on foot hygiene, believes the answer is "Education." He is the author of many works on the human foot, and has long specialized in foot orthopedics.

Every woman desires to have stand with your feet parallel. Do not toe out when taking this exercise, as by doing so you will throw the weight of the body toward the inner border of the foot, an improper posture which causes strain on the calf muscles and internal lateral ligament. So stand with your feet parallel, rise on tip toes and return slowly. Do this ten times at first. This exercises not only the strong leg muscles but relieves rigidity in the longitudinal arch and ball of the foot.

2.—Walking on the outer border of the foot.—Of course, with feet parallel. The purpose of this exercise is to relieve the strain on the overstretched muscles of the inner arch, and to put the contracted muscles of the outer longitudinal arch into motion.

3.—With knees crossed, give foot a circular motion at ankle joint, following the direction of the arrow.—In this exercise, place the leg over the knee, extend the toes downward, following the arrow towards the inside. This relieves stiffness of ankle-arch articulation, and strengthens the arch.

4.—Standing on feet, bend toes downward.—Stand on a block of wood or table with toes over the edge, and bend toes downward as far as possible. Toes should be straight ahead, as in this position the body's weight is more evenly distributed over the feet. This exercise is intended for cases of anterior arch depression. At first it may be painful, but by repeated trials it can be performed.

These simple exercises will help to strengthen the foot and leg muscles, and to flex and strengthen weak arches and the feet as a whole. While they are among exercises intended to be used with other aids, they may be used independently by those who desire to maintain their feet in good condition, and who have no advanced foot weakness. In cases of depressed arches or flat-foot it is advisable to temporarily wear surgical plates or arch supports to give the proper correction and stimulate muscular control. Be sure to wear correctly fitted shoes and stockings.

Local News

Ed Allen was in Groesbeck Thursday.

W. T. Church spent the holidays in Dallas.

A. B. Horn of Waco was in Mexia Thursday.

J. M. Kennedy was in Groesbeck on Thursday.

Irvin Webb of Gene Sinclair's spent Christmas in Dallas.

Bird Anderson of Corsicana spent Wednesday in Mexia.

Will McElroy was a business visitor to Groesbeck Thursday.

Hardy Eubanks was a Dallas visitor Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stollenwerk spent Christmas in Terrell.

B. N. Bradley of Corsicana was a visitor to the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith and E. L. Jr., spent Christmas in Terrell.

County Tax Assessor A. B. Bunn was in Mexia Thursday afternoon.

R. F. Babb has returned from Tennessee where he has been on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith have from Carrollton where they spent Christmas.

W. J. Keeling spent Wednesday in Dallas, returning Thursday morning.

Judge Osborne Kennedy went to Groesbeck on the noon train Thursday.

Phil Smith returned Wednesday night from Dallas where he spent Christmas.

E. G. Wise of Dallas was a guest of E. C. Crow at the Rotary luncheon Thursday.

Miss Vivian and Marguerite Franklin are entertaining this afternoon with a bridge party.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sweatt spent Christmas in Weatherford, with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Grant.

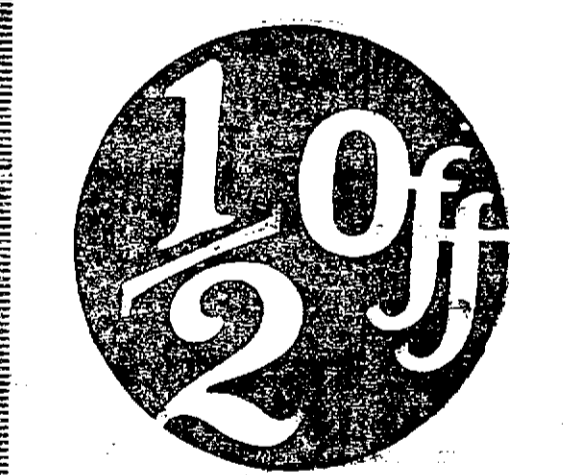
Miss Elizabeth Heath of Columbia, S. C., is expected to arrive tonight to be the guest of Miss Clara Blakely.

Rex Forrest spent Christmas with his wife who is in the Scott sanitarium in Dallas. She is reported doing nicely.

Annie Robinson, an old time Mexia boy now living at Burlington, Milam County, came over to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

One Day Clearance Of All Ladies and Misses

COATS SATURDAY ONLY



—As a Pre-Inventory offering we are placing our entire stock of Ladies and Misses Winter Coats on sale for one day only. All coats regardless of style, material or desirability will go in this one day event.

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"THE STORE AHEAD"

HOUSTON.—Contracts totaling \$34,000 let for Luna Park buildings.

BIG SPRING.—Irrigation project to be constructed on Murrer ranch to irrigate 1,000 acres.

The occupation of West Point as military post took place January 20, 1778.

John Black of Tennessee was in the city Thursday morning.

CHILDRESS.—Paving streets of main residential districts to start at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Jones spent Christmas in Terrell.

Expecting Too Much of Painters

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—The fine points of a painter's art were disclosed here recently when Acting Mayor John C. Harris found he needed an "apostrophe painter."

In placing the curbing signs and street guides on Zang Boulevard here the city sign painters failed to give the proper possessive designation to the name of the street which was given its title in honor of the late J. E. Zang.

Painters now will course the boulevard and make the necessary corrections.

A Fish Story Out Of Usual

WAXAHACHIE, Texas, Dec. 28.—Here's a real fish story.

Charles Howard who owns a lake near here says that the fish in the pond are so numerous that they block the spillway and prevent the water from flowing through.

Howard placed a wire netting across the spillway. It rained and the water rose. Scores of small fish, trying to go over the spillway got their heads through the holes in the netting but there they stuck. Soon every hole in the netting had a fish in it and the water was unable to flow.

Howard vouches for this one too.

An Old Recipe To Darken Hair

Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome.

Nowadays we simply ask at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound." You will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients, at very little cost. Everybody uses this preparation now, because no one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy and you look years younger.—(Adv.)

New Lamp Burns 94% Air

BEATS ELECTRIC OR GAS

A new oil lamp that gives an amazingly brilliant, soft, white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. Government and 35 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up, is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94% air and 6% common kerosene (coal oil).

The inventor, J. T. Johnson, 609 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill. is offering to send a lamp on 10 day's free trial, or even to give one FREE to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without experience or money make \$250 to \$500 per month.—(Adv.)

NAYASOTA.—Active development starts in Singleton oil field.

HELP KIDNEYS BY DRINKING MORE WATER

Kidney and bladder irritation often result from acidity, says a noted authority. The kidneys help filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it may remain to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread; the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it.

Bladder weakness, most folks call it because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is often one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Begin drinking lots of soft water, also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your pharmacist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast. Continue this for two or three days. This will help neutralize the

acids in the system so they no longer are a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs, which then act normal again.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by acid irritation. Jad Salts causes no bad effects whatever.

Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink which may quickly relieve your bladder irritation. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.—(Adv.)

Felt Good And Produced More

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—Police seem to have instilled the Christmas spirit in the heart of Abraham Inko-vitch.

They raided his home and found a gallon of corn. He made bond and returned home.

Shortly afterward he reappeared at the police station and made the cops a Christmas gift of five more gallons of booze which he said "some one placed in my home."

If Skin Breaks Out And Itches Apply Sulphur

Just the moment you apply Men-tho-Sulphur to an itching, burning or broken out skin, the itching stops and healing begins, says a noted skin specialist. This sulphur preparation, made into a pleasant cold cream, gives such a quick relief, even to fiery eczema, that nothing has ever been found to take its place.

Because of its germ-destroying properties, it quickly subdues the itching, cools the irritation and heals the eczema right up, leaving a clear, smooth skin in place of ugly eruptions, rash, pimples or roughness.

You do not have to wait for improvement. It quickly shows. You can get a little jar of Rowles Men-tho-Sulphur at any drug store.—(Adv.)

KILLED BY ZEBRA'S BITE

VIENNA (United Press).—Beautiful 28-year-old Princess Ella Hohenlohe, formerly Countess Hadik-Bar-koczy, wife of the Prince Hubert Hohenlohe, died here as the result of a zebra bite. The princess was strolling through the animal gardens of Budapest with friends. The group stopped before a cage containing zebras. The princess reached her hand through the bars, offering a bite to the nearest zebra. The striped animal bit quickly and sharply, tearing a finger from the princess' hand. Blood poisoning set in and specialists were unable to save her life.

TURKEYS

During the holidays 20c pound dressed. Pecans 5 pounds and over 15c. Just unloaded car best West Texas eggs. Sawyer Produce Co. Phone 359. 113 N. McKinney. 21-7

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DEATHS

Aat Mexia, Sarah Taylor Jones (colored.) Age 41 years.
At Coolidge, Elias East. Age 83 years.
At Mexia, Bennie Halems. Age 75 years.
At Mexia, Joe Easley (colored.)

Age 52 years.
At Thornton, baby of J. W. Richardson.
At Thornton, baby of A. C. Layton.
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hunt and children spent Christmas at Columbus Mr. Hunt returning Wednesday.

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Rather, they counsel carefully with a man before they advise him to borrow—for his own safety, as well as their own. They do not promote borrowing as something practically sure of success.

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bankers have never understood the expression, "It pays to advertise."

Advertising sometimes pays, just as borrowing sometimes pays, just as investment sometimes pays, just as manufacturing sometimes pays.

Advertising is not the sum of all the economic laws. The man who uses advertising must have a different conception of it than as something that is sure to pay.

That is what advertising agencies are for—to keep men from believing things about advertising that are not true.

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GIANTS TO GO AFTER STARS NEXT YEAR

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Babe Ruth, Rogers Hornsby and a number of other star ball players probably will be invited to join the New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox, when John McGraw takes them to Europe next fall.

Following the suggestion of John A. Heydler, president of the National League, it may be that McGraw's plan will be altered and instead of the Giants and the White Sox a team of picked stars from the National and American Leagues will be sent on the tour.

Believing that Europeans should be shown the best of all the players it is certain that Ruth and Hornsby will be asked to go and Eddie Roush, Harry Heilmann and other leading players will also be invited.

McGraw has become so steamed up with the prospects of missionary work that he is figuring not only on taking two teams to Australia after the 1925 pennant races but he had an idea that he might be able to promote a regular league in Australia.

He has given the plan some thought and he believes he could interest enough players in the proposition to go to Australia and keep a league going until native talent was developed to organize several teams.

McGraw's plans for the European trip next fall will have to be approved by Commissioner Landis and it is understood that the advisory council will be asked to pass upon the proposition.

There is no doubt that Landis will not only approve the trip but that he will do some pushing himself. McGraw wants to take the commissioner on the trip with him.

Heydler, the National League president, has given his approval and even if Ben Johnson objects he will be

downed by a 2-1 vote on all points. Johnson might try to stop American League players from going but his experience in testing the authority of the commission is so recent and so painful that he may keep quiet even if he doesn't like it.

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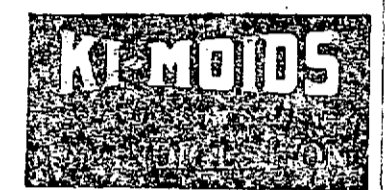
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Fall in love with your work and if you can't find it in your heart to do so, get another job.

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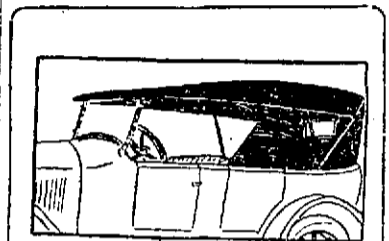
Saturday, December 29th, at 8:00 o'clock p. m. the pupils of Miss Beeson and Miss Walters will give the Golliwogg Revue at the High School auditorium. Proceeds will go to the High School Library. Admission 25c and 35c.

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To Mr. and Mrs. John Matthew Hardie of Kosse a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Jackson of Thornton a girl.
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To Mr. and Mrs. Claude Oscar Long of Mexia a girl.
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To Mr. and Mrs. T. Jefferson Taylor of Kosse a girl.
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To Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Ingram of Groesbeck a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Killingsworth of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. R. Alvey of Mexia a girl.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Battle of Mexia a girl.
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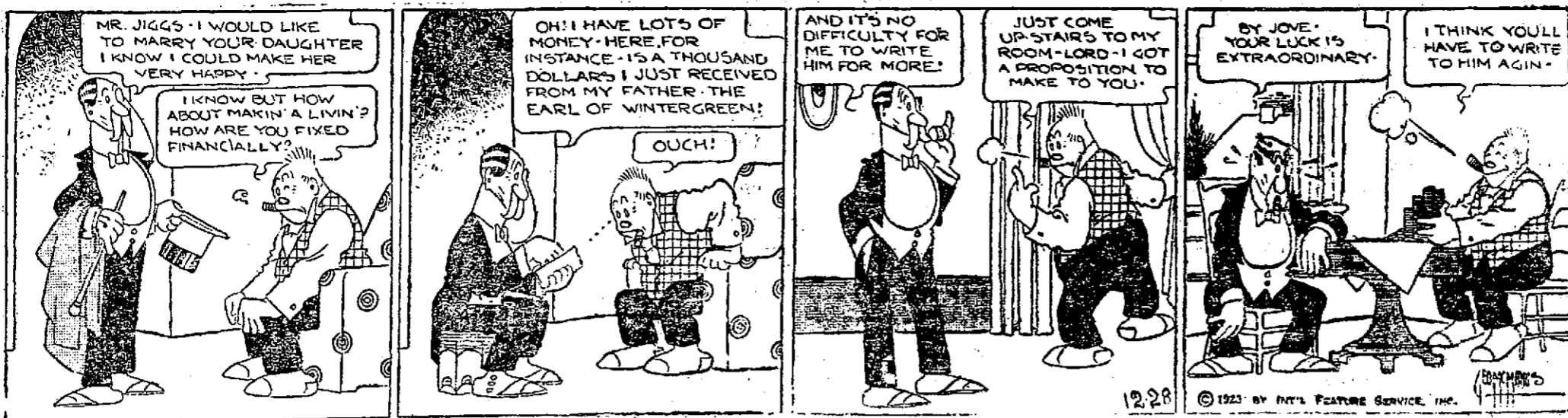
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of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Limestone County, of the 14th day of Dec. 1923, by The District Clerk of said County, for the sum of \$1800.00 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Foreclosure and Deed of Trust Lien, in favor of in a certain cause in said court, No. 49018-7 and styled Fidelity Savings Trust Company, versus Mrs. Della Box, the surviving wife of S. A. Box, deceased, Clarence Box, Alvie Box, Mable Box, Homer Box, Ruby Box, Herman Box, Branton Box, and Mrs. Della Box, Guardian of the Estates of Clarence, Alvie, Mable, Homer, Ruby, Herman, and Branton Box, Minors.

The Plaintiff, Fidelity Savings Trust Company, recovered in the District Court of Limestone County, 68th, Judicial District of Texas, a judgement against the said defendants, Della Box, for the sum of \$1800.00 principal, \$424.80 interest and \$222.48 attorney's fees, together with interest at the rate of 10% per annum and interest at the rate of 6% per annum on \$222.48 attorney's fees from said November 15th, 1923.

And placed in my hands for service, 1 Whit Popejoy, Sheriff of Limestone County, Texas, did, on the 17th, day of December, A. D., 1923, Levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Limestone County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 103 acres of land in the Chas. Roberts survey, described in three tracts as follows:

FIRST TRACT: 42 acres of land described as beginning at the Southeast corner of lot No. 1, in the Adams-oak 12" in dia. bns. North 22 1/2 East 19 varas; Thence North 60 East 338 varas to corner; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Northeast corner of said Limestone County 30 acre tract; Thence South 60 West along the North

line of said 90 acre tract 338 varas to the place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: 20 acres of land described as beginning at the Northeast corner of the R. O'Neal 200 acre homestead tract; Thence North 30 West with said O'Neal's line, 560 varas to corner; Thence North 60 East 127 varas to corner; Thence North 20 West with the O'Neal line to the Southwest corner of the M. R. Box 18 acre tract; Thence North 60 East to the Northwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 30 East 700 varas to the Southwest corner of the 42 acre tract above described; Thence South 60 West 204 varas to the place of beginning.

Said two tracts of land above described being the same land conveyed by Ella Box to S. A. Box on January 12, 1920, by Deed duly recorded in the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

THIRD TRACT: 31 acres of land known as part of the R. O'Neal homestead, beginning at the most Southern Northwest corner of the 30 acre tract of land described as tract No. 2 above, Thence South 30 East 585 varas to corner on the North line of the tract of land conveyed by Mrs. Abia Box and others to Mrs. Alice Stom, a rock for others; Thence South 50 West 298 varas to corner; same being the Southeast corner of a 21 acre tract designated by S. A. Box and wife as a part of their homestead; Thence North 31 west 585 varas to the Northeast corner of said 21 acre tract; Thence North 60 East 298 varas to the place of beginning, being part of the land conveyed by M. B. Box, and wife to S. A. Box by deed recorded in Vol. 76, page 178 of the deed records of Limestone County, Texas.

Said three tracts of land being the same land described in the deed of Trust from S. A. Box and wife, Della Box to Chas. L. Krebs, Trustee, recorded in Vol. 7, page 493-7, deed of trust records of Limestone County, Texas, and levied upon as the property of Della Box, and all above named parties, and that on the first Tuesday in Feb.

1924, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Limestone County, in the town of Groesbeck, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Della Box, et al.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Mexia Daily News, a newspaper published in Limestone County.

Witness my hand, this 17th, day of Dec., 1923.

WHIT POPEJOY, Sheriff, Limestone County Texas.
By N. P. Harris, Deputy.
Dec. 18-25 Jan. 2

NOTICE

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the City National Bank of Mexia, will be held at its banking-house, Tuesday, January 8, 1924, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. for the purpose of electing Directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before it.

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ARTICLE No. 8

Many players who refuse to accept the conventional bids, probably do so because they have never taken the trouble to find out the reason for them. They claim that it is just as easy to make one heart if they hold five hearts to the king, queen or jack and one or more outside tricks as it is with five hearts to an ace king and no outside tricks. This statement is correct, but the reason such suits are not bid is because it is impossible to give exact information to partner. The best theory of Auction bidding is to give exact information whenever possible. For that reason, all bids that may have a double meaning have been eliminated. To bid one heart as dealer with a hand that contains the following:

Hearts — Q, 9, 8, 4, 2
Clubs — 10, 7
Diamonds — A, 10, 6
Spades — K, 9, 4

Is to make partner guess as to the strength of the hand. There is not a sure trick in hearts and there is no way for him to guess in what suits the tricks really are. Guesses, no matter how brilliant, cannot cope with cold, hard facts.

Make your original bids mean something definite to your partner for he must know the truth about your cards if the partnership is to be successful. Don't make original bids without the high cards in the suit bid. Otherwise your partner will assist your bid thinking

ing you have the high cards of your suit and then you may be doubled and lose a big penalty. Or your opponents may bid up to a point where your partner doubles with the assurance that your first bid was sound. If it was not, then you are in trouble and you cannot blame your partner.

When you play Auction, you are bidding for the privilege of playing the hand. All the conventions are based on common sense. Do not make a bid that you cannot back up, either as an offensive or defensive proposition.

These requirements for original bids are particularly important on close hands where one side can make four hearts and the other side four spades. By giving exact information to your partner every time you bid, you enable him to determine before the hand is played just about how many tricks you and your opponents can make and he can bid or double accordingly.

If one side figures that their adversaries can make four spades it is much to their advantage to bid five hearts, if by so doing they will not lose the contract by more than a trick or so. Their opponents may also make the mistake of bidding five spades. This is possible only when the bidding is sound and gives exact information. Never make your partner guess if you can help it for he is more apt to guess wrong than right.

The following hand is a good example:

Hearts — 3 Clubs — K, Q, 8, 7 Diamonds — K, 10, 8, 6 Spades — Q, J, 10, 3	Y	B
Hearts — K, Q, J, 9, 4 Clubs — A, 5 Diamonds — Q, 4, 2 Spades — 7, 4, 2	A	Z

Hearts — 10, 5
Clubs — J, 4, 2
Diamonds — J, 3
Spades — A, K, 9, 8, 6, 5

Z dealt and bid one spade and A bid two hearts. A-B bid their hand to four hearts and when overbid by Y-Z with four spades, correctly bid five hearts, were doubled and only lost 100 points. As Y-Z could have made four spades, A-B saved a game at the expense of 100

Hearts — Q, 9, 8, 3, 2 Clubs — K, Q, 5, 2 Diamonds — J, 6, 4, 2 Spades — None	Y	B
Hearts — K Clubs — J, 10, 8, 6, 4 Diamonds — A Spades — Q, J, 9, 7, 6, 5	A	Z

Hearts — 1, 10, 7, 5
Clubs — A, 3
Diamonds — K, 10, 9
Spades — A, K, 4, 2

Z dealt and bid one no-trump. A bid two spades, Y three hearts and B and A passed. A bid three spades, Y and A passed and Z bid four hearts. A now realized that Y-Z could probably make four hearts and that he could save game by bidding four spades. It is evident that Y-Z can make four hearts and that A-B will not lose the contract by more than two tricks if they double they will

save a game at the expense of 200 points. A bid three hearts, a net loss of 182 points. It is on close hands such as these that the good player shows his quality. Such accurate deductions are possible only when based on the exact information given by the original bids. Let your opening or original bid always give exact information.

Problem No. 4

Hearts — A, 7, 6 Clubs — Q, J, 9, 7, 6 Diamonds — A, 2 Spades — A, 4, 2	Y	B
Hearts — K, J, 4 Clubs — A, K Diamonds — K, J, 7, 6 Spades — 8, 7, 6, 5	A	Z

Hearts — 9, 8, 5, 2
Clubs — 5, 4, 2
Diamonds — Q, 10, 9, 8
Spades — 9, 3

Z, the dealer, bid one no-trump. All passed and A led the king of spades. The problem is to obtain a little slam against perfect defense. Solution in next article.

Johnny Dundee Remarkable Fighter.

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Johnny Dundee, new junior lightweight champion for many reasons, is the most remarkable fighter of his day. Perhaps his record might be extended so as to make him the most extraordinary boxer of all times and his field broadened to make him the most unusual type in any field of sport.

Considering what Dundee has done in the thirteen years he has been boxing, and what he is still doing, the use of superlatives is not at all unwarranted by the facts.

As an example of preservation and patience, there is nothing to equal that of Dundee, who kept piddling on for thirteen years to win a title, the world's featherweight championship, at an age, and after a career of hardships that should have shelved him as an old man.

Since he started boxing, Dundee has seen more than fifty champions of the ring rise to the top and then fade away. Only one-third of the boxers who have made names in those thirteen years are still boxing, and Dundee is a champion, and a good one.

Dundee started boxing two years before Jim Jeffries lost his title to Jack Johnson, and since then Johnson and Willard have gone.

I the middle weight class, Papke, Klaus, Chip, McCoy, O'Dowd and Wilson have come and gone while Dundee was boxing.

Melody, Sullivan, Dixie Kid, Ted Lewis and Jack Britton won and lost the welter weight championship.

The lightweight class had Gans, Nelson, Wolgast, Ritchie, Welch and Leonard as champions, and Dundee fought Ritchie, Welch and Leonard.

In the featherweight class the picture contained Abe Attell, Johnny Kilbane and Eugene Criqui. Dundee fought Kilbane twice and took the title away from Criqui.

Johnny Conlon, Kid Williams, Pete Herman, Joe Lynch and Johnny Buff lost the bantamweight championship while Dundee was moving right along.

Benny Wallace, Abe Goldstein, John-

ny Buff, Pancho Villa and Jimmy Wilde held and lost the lightly-regarded flyweight championship during Dundee's time, and the light heavyweight championship passed from Battling Levinsky, Carpentier, Siki, Tigue, Tunney and Greb during the same time.

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In England it is customary for an audience to rise at the beginning of the "Hallelujah chorus" of Handel's "Messiah," and remain standing until it is ended.

A Frenchman has written 23,000 words on a postal card, it being legible to the naked eye.

County Superintendent Plans Campaign to Secure Red Cross Nurse for Schools of Limestone

Mrs. Cora Ferguson, county superintendent of schools in Limestone county, reports that all schools in the county are progressing splendidly. No trouble is being experienced by the teachers in securing their pay, and a great deal of interest in the schools is manifest among the patrons.

In order to promote health and efficiency among the thousands of students who are attending the rural schools in Limestone county, Mrs. Ferguson states that a campaign is being planned to raise funds for the creation of a health department which will hire a Red Cross nurse whose business it will be to visit each of the schools a number of times during the year and look after the physical welfare of the children. As is the custom this nurse will examine each child and the event of a defect being found, or an affliction which has not attracted the attention of the parents, and prescribe remedies or preventives if the defect be not worthy of the attention of a physician.

This is commendable move should have the support of all thinking citizens. If it is a success it will mean the prevention of much of the listless, inefficient attitude that teachers encounter in their schoolrooms. A defective child absolutely cannot learn, and many of the defects are so hidden that the attitude of the sufferer is attributed to pure cussedness.

To secure the services of this nurse it will be necessary to raise quite a little money. Scattered over the county, however, it will not be a burden and the amount should be gotten without any trouble. Each child who joins the club, which is to be organized to care for the matter, is to pay twenty-five cents. Each adult who joins will pay from one dollar to five. Fifty cents of the subscription of each adult and nothing of the subscription of the children, will go to the central office, from which the nurse will be sent, to pay her salary. The remainder of the money will remain in the county to defray the expenses of looking after and training the children.

Mrs. Ferguson also stated that during the interscholastic meet to be held in Groesbeck next spring to determine the county track and basket ball champions she intends to have each school have the county represented in a parade, either by a float or some other exhibit.

ON THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTH

On the way downtown today I walked with Samuel Werner. We were talking about farewell kisses which he sees and hears around the B and Y. D. station.

He spoke with the wisdom of a sagacious observer, as follows:

"Every fond farewell and welcome home has a meaning all its own, but that don't keep railroad attaches from reading right off those little meanings.

Wives may be deceived by that duffling osculating "peck" and concerned "take care of yourself" administered by vacation-forgetting husbands, but not these clairvoyants, the railroad station workers. And the same station "hands" know there is no deception in that glad welcome home kiss with which the same wives are showered on the home-coming after the matrimonial-separating vacation.

One veteran porter in the T. & B. V. station has done a bit of philosophizing during baggage-toting, seat-

hustling career on this question of farewells and receptions, said Sam.

"Admitting the exception proves the rule, farewell-bidding couples displaying the most fuss and regret on parting at the gate are the first to emit the sigh of relief and the smile of satisfaction after the bang of the gate and the bellowing "all-aboard."

When there is real honest-to-goodness parting-sorrow, the eye, gentle touch on the sleeve and last wave of the hand tell the tale.

"The only change wrought in station farewells by the Flapper Age is, that where the young bloods a decade ago betrayed the desire for a parting kiss but dared not they now distribute parting osculations all around without betraying any special desire for the function but daring anybody to stop them.

"Parting and re-uniting belong traditionally to the newlyweds. They invariably become completely submerged in the process forgetting train times, tickets, ordinary rules of etiquette and the world in general. They defy train gates and guards to separate them and only the jolting of the

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cars finally races the deserted one down the aisle, past the conductor closing the vestibule door and back to the station platform.

But that isn't the parting, that comes from the nodding head and wildly waving arm protruding from an open car window.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN LADIES TO MEET MONDAY

The Central Presbyterian Missionary Society will meet at three o'clock Monday, December 31, at the church. Syria will be studied—a very appropriate lesson for the holidays, as the birth place of our Lord. A report from our very successful bazaar will be given. Officers will be elected for another year. Every member urged to be present.

1,111,111.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 28.—Between June 8 and December 7, the Ford Motor Company produced 1,111,111 motors at its Highland Park Plant here.

On June 8, motor number 7,777,777 went off the assembly line and was shipped to Los Angeles. On Dec. 7, motor number 8,888,888 was completed and shipped to Chicago.

Doc Made Fatal Mistake.
(From the Chicago News)

Doc Cook, who has been sentenced to prison for selling worthless oil stocks, would have done better if he had stuck to Eskimos and gumdrops.

Tattooing is widely practiced by light-skinned races. Negro races on whom the marks would not show, prefer to raise scars.

FORMER PAGE BOY BUYS STOCK EXCHANGE SEAT.



Benjamin Jacobsen m.m.

Benjamin Jacobsen for many years was a page boy on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Ten years ago he went into the silk business. Now he has purchased a seat on the Stock Exchange for \$82,000, and will be floor man for a big Wall street firm.

It is planned to replace the Mexican dollar and foreign coins in China with a new uniform Chinese silver dollar.

RIO GRANDE CITY.—Contract let for construction of railroad to San Fordyce.

EL PASO.—Bank clearings show increase of approximately \$1,000,000 over same month last year.

Mrs. Sam Warner and Mother, Mrs. Martie Warner, left Thursday for a week's visit with relatives in Comroe. Comroe was formerly the home of Mrs. Warner and her mother.

CLARKSVILLE.—Surfacing of a week's visit with relatives in Comroe. Highway No. 5, Red River county, now under way.

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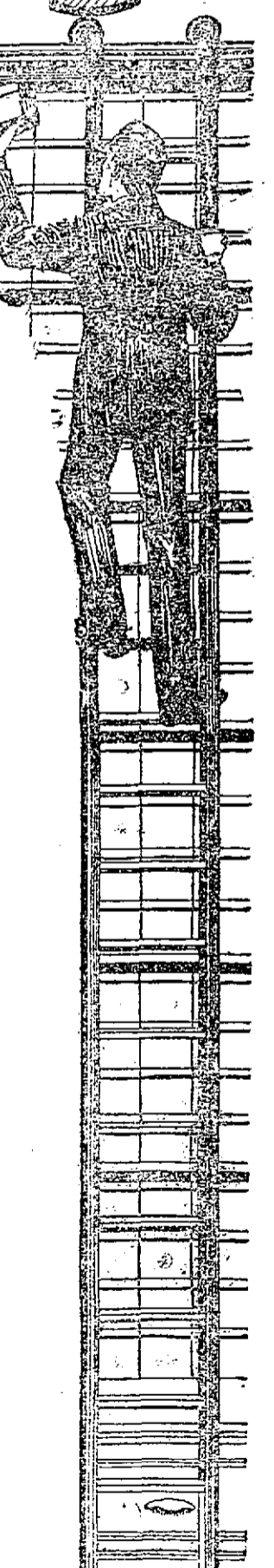
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